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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1723, May 29-June 4, 2014

Thu	0330	WRMI	9955 [replayed 1722]
Thu	1230	WRMI	9955 [confirmed]
Thu	2100	WBCQ	7490 [replayed 1722]
Thu	2100	WTWW	9475 [confirmed]
Fri	0326v	WWRB	5050 [confirmed]
Sat	0630	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat	1430	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat	2330v	WTWW	9930 [confirmed]
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Sun	0401	WTWW	5830 [confirmed]
Mon	0300v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB Area 51 [no show; partially on webcast]
Tue	1100	WRMI	9955
Wed	0630	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed	1315	WRMI	9955
Wed	1430	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed	2100	WBCQ	7490v new
Thu	0330	WRMI	9955 [or 1724 if ready in time]

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Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.
http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?
option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de
http://tunein.com/radio/World-of-Radio-p198/

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http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/

** ABKHAZIA. There was a coup attempt in Sukhumi yesterday. The leader of the breakaway territory has quit town. 1350 kHz may be easier to hear these days now that Voice of Russia is no longer being relayed co-channel from Armenia. It always struck me as an odd frequency choice for Abkhazia (Chris Greenway, UK, May 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. A VALUED FRIEND PASSES --- F. M. Perry, the engineer who designed the KNLS station in Alaska and continued as chief engineer for years, has died at the age of 92. A memorial service was held May 20 in Franklin, Tennessee.

Upon completing two years at Lipscomb University, F. M. was called to World War II, serving in the Navy. After returning from the war he married the love of his life, Charlotte Weisen. They moved to Colorado while F. M. completed his degree in engineering from the University of Colorado. He began his career with General Electric.

F. M.ís career was not only in private industry but also in the U.S. State Department which sent him to years of assignments in Washington, D.C., Pakistan, and Thailand. He took early retirement from the State Department to begin work with World Christian Broadcasting as our first full-time employee (though for years he drew a salary of only $1 per year). He trained Kevin Chambers to follow in his steps. As Vice President of Engineering, Kevin designed and oversaw the building of our new Madagascar site while at the same time having responsibility for engineering aspects of both KNLS in Anchor Point, Alaska, and our Programming Center in Franklin.

F.M.ís beloved Charlotte passed away in 2007. They are survived by three childrenóJoseph William Perry (Ruth) of Flowery Branch, Georgia, Charles Richard Perry (Mary) of Anchor Point, Alaska, and a daughter, Sandra Harvey, of Nashville, Tennessee. They are survived by four grandchildren.

Summarizing F.M.ís contributions to World Christian Broadcasting, our president, Charles Caudill, said, ìF. M. was one of the finest men I have known. He was a faithful servant of the Lord his entire life. He was a brilliant engineer. We have known a great and Godly man.î (WCB via DXLD) obit. See also MADAGASCAR

9910, May 22 at 1300, KNLS 8-note IS for two minutes, interrupted by Chinese ID in the middle. Notice the seventh note of the IS changes from one iteration to the next; 1302 programming starts, poor signal, seems with noise QRM, ute or jamming? I wonder if the KNLS English hour is really on 9920 at 15-16 and audible, when I am seldom monitoring.

9920, May 23 at 1505, JBA carrier, so presumably KNLS is really on here for this English hour. Nothing else listed in Aoki, altho *jammed VOA Tibetan via Thailand precedes 1500, and from 1200 to 1330 is FEBC in obscure languages westward (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9920, KNLS, *1500+ 23 May. Still here with fair/OK signal after CNR1/VOA mash-up leaves at 1500. "This is Alaska calling, KNLS", program preview with feature on "Mt. McKinley" (apparently missed the memo about it now being called "Denali"). (Dan Sheedy, Swami's Beach, CA PL380/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. Radio Tirana. QSL received from the German edition of Radio Tirana for the reception 25.04.2014, 1931-2000 UT on 7465 kHz frequency. The card transmitters and antennas transmission center Shijak. The report sent by electronic mail: aibro @ albaniaonline.net (Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx" via RusDX May 25 via DXLD)

QSL also received from the German edition of Radio Tirana 25.04.2014 from 2130-2200 at the frequency 7465 kHz. On the card: Seria1: Tirana, 28 November 2012 / 1.Motiv. Card came separately, without an envelope. (Editor, ibid.)

19/05-2014, ALBANIA, Re QSLs from Radio Tirana: Sending reports to the central address does not work. But you will sure get a QSL by writing either to the technical monitor Drita or when listening to the German language broadcasts to Astrit Ibro, who has got a whole series of beautiful QSLs for listeners! The e-mail addresses for German: aibro@albaniaonline.net
reception reports in general: dcico@icc.al.eu.org
Drita is indeed keen on correspondence. She regularly publishes reception reports receive on her e-mail. Once again the eternal problem: How to get my report to meet the eye of the right person? Hello Mauno R.: kindly put the info above into WRTH! (Ullmar Qvick, NORDX (15/5-2014 via Ydun's Medium Wave Info, Editor: Ydun M. Ritz, Denmark, Vojens, via RusDX May 25 via DXLD)

** ALGERIA. ChaÓne-1, 87.8 MHz via e-skip. Full stereo and quieting on peaks. First noted at 1635 27 May. Man and women in Arabic discussion. String of ads at 1655. Pips and news intro at 1700 followed by newscast. (Brock Whaley, Ireland for WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)
Distance? Exact locations unknown, but it`s 1983 km or 1232 miles from Algiers to Dublin, quite a viable single-hop Es path (gh, DXLD)

** ANTARCTICA. ANT¡RTICA, 15476, LRA36, Radio Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel, 1942 UT, Mayo 23. Locutora menciona temperatura: "-11,2 C, siendo las 1642 horas. …sta es LRA36..." Llamado telefÛnico de radioaficionado argentino que mencionÛ la importancia de la onda y del gran porcentaje que sigue las transmisiones por Radio. EXCELENTE SE—AL. 4544(3)4 (ce3BBC, Hugo LÛpez C., Santiago de Chile, condidglista via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. Radio Nacional Argentina, 15344.45, SINPO 45544. Frequency drifting (it was 15345.15 two weeks ago). 73 (Giovanni IZ5PQT Carboni, IC-756Pro3 - Inverted L antenna, May 24, cumbredx via DXLD)

15345.21v, R. Nacional, 0301*, May 26; fair as the sun was almost setting out over the Pacific. Was interested to see Wolfy's posting of reception on the low side (15344.438), about eight hours later (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15344.438, Very odd frequency on lower side, RAE Buenos Aires noted now at May 26 1050 UT in Chinese, followed by RAE ID in many languages

from 1056 to 1105 UT, into Japanese, female announcer. And program typically started with romantic Tango music at 1116 UT. S=7 or -82dBm strength noted on remote SDR unit in Alberta, Canada. At 348 degree antenna, signal directed via CA, Alberta, Alaska, into East Asia (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26, dxldyg via DXLD)

11710.576, RAE Buenos Aires, station ID in many languages given at 0158 UT May 28, rather weak signal at S=7-8 fluttery at -80dBm strength. Now checked again on 19 mb:

15344.508 kHz noted at RAE's Japanese female announcer program at 1150 UT on May 28. Poor signals noted on remote posts in CANADA and US, S=4-5 at -98dBm level (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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** AUSTRALIA. 3210.0, Vintage FM from Australia, English, pop music, some guitar whine piece, S=6 or -92dBm, 1020 UT May 22, followed by Herb Alpert trumpets (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3210, Vintage FM relay (presumed), 1308-1340, May 23. Best reception to date; normally found below threshold level (no audio - just open carrier), but today could definitely make out much of the music played; seemed very brief IDs between most songs; played a mix of older music, from ballads ("Fever") to rock & roll (Rolling Stones with "Street Fighting Man"). A power increase or just good propagation? My local sunrise was at 1255 UT.

My decent reception today of the Vintage FM relay was in fact only due to good propagation and was not an increase in power. Email just in at 0400 UT (May 24), from Craig Allen, the owner/operator of 3210 kHz, in response to my reception report to him - "We are running 250 watts." Not bad reception at all for that kind of power. Once power goes up should be even better reception!
http://www.vintagefm.com.au/liveweb/index.php

3210, Vintage FM relay on May 25 with amazing reception. Started to hear music by 1218, with signal improving by my local sunrise (1254 UT); a first for me - able to hear several IDs; "You are listening to Vintage FM" and "The Vintage day, brought to you by . . "; played "Dance with a Dolly with a Hole in Her Stocking" and many other songs of that era; of course a lot of QRN/static, but the music cut through the noise fairly well; fading down after 1330. A most enjoyable

listening experience and outstanding for such a low powered station!
https://app.box.com/s/wy44undkkjav4sc0nwqu
contains MP3 audio of a portion of today's reception (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 4835, ABC, VL8A, Alice Springs, 1326, May 22. Tony Delroy's Night Life; weather; ID for ì783 Alice Springsî; much better reception than normally heard; fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 4910, VL8T Tennant Creek, 0800 to 0803 very brief fade up with English lang. talk then covered by CODAR and off by 0830 19 May (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 9580, Friday May 23 until 1214, RA in English with coverage of the Thai situation on `Asia Review` which the Asian-accented announcer says is also on ABC Radio National now. Next subject: refugees on Nauru. I was expecting `Asia Pacific` but RA website explains:

``Asia Review keeps you up to date with the latest events and stories of the week in our region. Features key political, business, economic and social newsmakers, as well as some of the finest analysts on regional affairs. Hosted by Sen Lam and featuring the best stories from Asia Pacific each week.``

Not sure about his ethnicity but he started in Singapore:
http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/radio/presenter/sen-lam

Thailand is also the prime story on the TV news after 1230, far more informative than anything from Thailand direct, q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Australia, 9580, 5/27/14, heard with the usual excellent reception at 1205 UT with a program called Off Track. I enjoyed listening to this 25-minute program as a conservationist identified and described dawn and night sounds of various birds and animals in the Mountain Ash Forest in Victoria. A "jewel" of a program (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, May 27, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. -----Original Message-----
From: Friends of the ABC NSW & ACT
[mailto:webmaster=fabcnsw.org.au@cmail1.com]
On Behalf Of Friends of the ABC NSW & ACT
Sent: Saturday, 24 May 2014 6:14 PM
To: Craig Seager

Subject: Radio Australia asks for HELP!

To Craig Seager, Please take a few moments to write to the Managing Director of the ABC in support of the staff of Radio Australia, who are facing a 60% cut in funding, not by the government directly, but by ABC management! Mal Hewitt - President, Friends of the ABC NSW.

Message from Jemima Garrett, Pacific Economic and Business reporter, ABC Radio Australia
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As a long term member of ABC staff I am writing to you now because of a new and urgent threat to Radio Australia.

As I am sure you know Radio Australia is a vital service in the Pacific Islands reporting on and covering issues that no other media outlet covers. It has huge audience ratings but is often forgotten in Australia because it is not heard here.

The cuts to Australia Network are now set to affect Radio Australia as well.

In tough time radio is an inexpensive and effective way of maintaining our expertise so that we are ready to rise like a phoenix when the political environment improves.

It is also able to report on more issues, in more depth and more quickly than TV and therefore is an important source for and method of keeping our online offering as rich and varied as possible.

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Background
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ABC management is looking at how to cope with the budget cuts resulting from the cancellation of the Australia Network contract.

This doesn't just affect Australia Network but may result in substantial cuts to Radio Australia as the ABC tries to use some of the money it still has for radio to keep some TV programs, contracts in Asia, the mobile and online services connected with Australia Network going too.

The scale of the cut is huge - 60 per cent of our budget has been lost ($21 of $35 million a year). This is for broadcasts to a geographic area ranging French Polynesia in the east to India in the west and FSM and China in the north (via Craig Seager, May 24, ARDXC via DXLD)

I am trying to find a link for conformation (without success at the moment) but I heard on Radio Australia news at 0800 UT that the Radio Australia MD Mark Scott has indicated that both the Australia Network and Radio Australia might come to an end in September this year. I wont have time to listen to the next broadcast so if anyone wants to confirm this try listening to the main news bulletin at the top of the hour (Robert Wilson, Glasgow, Scotland, May 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Robert - I did a pretty thorough search of the ABC web site and Australian newspapers and found no mention of cuts to RA specifically. But given recent events there, it is apparent that preservation of RA isn't even a major consideration for the ABC itself. The principal concern with the elimination of the Australia Network is that RA was placed entirely under its organizational umbrella a couple of years back. Australia Network also provides all of RA's newscasts and some of its long-form news programming. It's not a stretch to conclude that the elimination of the Australia Network will have an effect -- and perhaps a fatal one -- on RA itself.

We live in a very bad time that ideologically devalues public institutions by proffering blatantly false anecdotal "evidence" that they are no longer needed, while grossly inflating the "contributions" to the general welfare by private organizations and individuals as a more affordable and even preferable alternative. The loss will be palpable, but unfortunately the powers that be are deaf, dumb (in more than one respect) and blind to the consequences. And the public itself has too shallow an awareness and perspective -- and perhaps little influence in the face of massive private individual and corporate political muscle -- to resist (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This news item is on the UK Guardian newspaper website today, but it doesn't particularly look like 'new' news:

ABC JOURNALISTS TO BE OFFERED REDUNDANCIES AFTER $120M BUDGET CUT -
http://www.theguardian.com/media/2014/may/28/abc-journalists-edundancies-budget-cut
(Tony [Molloy?], UK, ibid.)

A couple of weeks ago I saw articles on various Australian news websites mentioning that Australia Network would probably be closed

"in 90 days" (mid-August.). But no specific reference to RA. I would still be surprised if RA on SW is completely eliminated. However I can see significant cuts in transmitter hours. Looking over the transmission schedule, it seems rather lavish compared to other broadcasters -- 24/7 of mostly English on eight or nine frequencies simultaneously, and sometimes more than that. They could probably whack that in half and still maintain decent coverage to their target areas. Perhaps the current situation in Thailand might keep RA going on SW for a while longer (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid.)

While Radio may be part of Australia Network, it`s not really part of Australia Network. The television network Australia Network is the 24/7 channel part of Australia Network. The cuts were to the TV side. When the government cut Australia Network (TV) it had to do with the fact they have a very small audience and really no impact in the region.

Australia Network operated under ABC International as does Radio Australia. http://www.abc.net.au/international/

The TV side Australia Network was cut; it had to do with problems going back almost a year or more over who would run it, ABC or Sky, and it was a bit of a scandal. Radio Australia is a different company. Very little except for 1 hour a day of Australia Network air on Radio Australia. The bulk of RA's programming is from Radio National and Tripple J. Thailand is not a target for Radio Australia (Keith Perron, Taiwan, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AZERBAIJAN. 9677.5, Talysh or any other heard with S4 only carrier (i.e. early no modulation !!) (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, 23/5, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No time

** BANGLADESH. 4750, Bangladesh Betar - HS, 1346-1405, May 22. The only good thing about the continued absence of RRI Makassar on 4749.95 --- see http://www.rri.jpn.org/ --- is that BB is much easier to hear again; program of subcontinent music; 1404 theme music and into news; weak, but now less QRM (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4750, 1629 23/5 with music, then talks by OM YL with Bangladesh Betar Dhaka at 1630. One minute video here
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJbMoJ2EZhk
(Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 15505, May 22 at 1357 JBA carrier, just too weak to detect the BB IS or the misTS. At least it`s on today; Dan Sheedy on Swami`s Beach, California says they were having transmitter problems May 20, mostly off or unmodulated until 1429* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

15505, BB *1400+ 23 May. Still not doing well, caught a bit of the opening announcement, about 20 seconds of Urdu music, then only OC or off-air until 1428, end of another Urdu song, closing with 2 web addresses, ID & 1430*.

15505, BB, *1513-1526+ 24/25 May. Nice to hear BB's Hindi service with no IADs/signal loss. IS, 5+1, ID & maybe sked info, descending plinky "zither-y" sounder and starting news with items about Japan, Pakistan, etc. Maybe they've cleared up the transmitter problems -- possibly so, as the 14-1430 Urdu service was heard without IADs/signal loss on 26 May for the 1st time in a week or so (Dan Sheedy, Swami's Beach, CA, PL380/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. Radio Belarus. Letter from the radio station in response to a report about the reception.

"Dear listener, Please send reports in Russian, And we will gladly voiced in Russian programs and respond to you! If easily send this same report with its inverse e-mail in Russian, Radio Belarus" (Editor Anatoly Klepov, RusDX May 25 via DXLD)

Hello, Anatoly! Try sending them reports from Mail.ru and / or Hotmail.com, and not Yandex or Gmayla. As I understand it, they share turns on Windows, and Yandex uses UTF-8 encoding. Perhaps poorly configured their mail server and come voprosiki instead of letters (although it should be their admins sooo Krivoruk.)

Last year they only received from the e-QSL (that quickly tired), encoding issues like was not. Send a better web muzzle instead of the mailer for the purity of the experiment. P.S. Nor about any e-mail addresses on the Russian did not hear as well as you (Andrew, Tomsk, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx", ibid.)

I had sent a report normal mail. From the Belarusian broadcasting not answer. A Polish replied that no know what QSL. But asked me to write the text you want on the card in response to my report. So just confirmed (Oleg Panko / "deneb-radio-dx", via RusDX May 25 via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 3310, Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, 1010 YL in Quechua. Good signal under distant thunderstorm noise; same at 1017 recheck and fade out by 1027. 20 May (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4699.9, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta 2345 to 0005 poor to fair signal in espaÒol with deep fades 20/21 May (XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Wilkner, and Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano

Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also unID 4451.1

** BOLIVIA. 4716.65, Radio Yatun Ayllu Yura, Yura, 2340 to 0051 best signal in last six months. Series of often non stop musical selections. Often flauta andina interrupted by brief digital ute interference 2355 and 0031. Beautiful song 2344 with yipping, new music as 0030 with flauta andina. No ID at 0000 heard, OM ment of "Kilohertz"? 0049 20/21 May (XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Wilkner, and Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 5580.31, May 23 2356, R San JosÈ strong signal, ID at 0003. Also noted on 5580.25 on May 21 at 2356 with religious program (Thomas Nilsson, ƒngelholm, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 25 via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. QSL: Radio Pio XII, Siglo XX, 5952.5. Email with partial datatext, IRC sent in past snail mail report, after many f/ups, the last Email sent to: felitorremi @ hotmail.com V/s : Felix Miranda TÛrrez (Executive Director Radio Pio XII) ñ total time 6 years and five months !!! (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Audio Link : http://www.radiopio12.com/cochabamba/index.html

Noted very nice Bolivian openings at sunset on May 29. 5952.40 - Radio Pio Doce - The best heard in a while; distinctive whistling ìColonel Bogey Marchî (commonly known as the River Kwai March), along with ID at 0202 (a first for me - had never before heard it during their regular programming, only heard in the past at sign off); two YL chatting; 0226 again with whistling ìColonel Bogey Marchî and ID; 0227* (off with no chimes tonight!). The ìColonel Bogey Marchî certainly makes for an easy ID (Ron Howard, CA, May 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6024.975, May 21 2356, Red Patria Nueva with heavy signal this evening. I think best ever (Thomas Nilsson, ƒngelholm, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 25 via DXLD)

Noted very nice Bolivian openings at sunset on May 29. 6025 - R. Patria Nueva presumed with very weak audio, so possibly Bolivia at 0228 playing music (Ron Howard, CA, May 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA [and non]. 6134.90, May 16 0135, R Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Spanish talk, ad, phone-in talk, 34243, QRM 6135.07, R Aparecida, Brazil (Anker Petersen, Denmark, SW Bulletin May 25 via DXLD)

6134.978, May 19 2300, R Aparecida on this frequency. ID and quite strong. On May 23 at 2356 on 6135.0 with "Com a M„e Aparecida" program also strong at this time. Also noted as high as 6135.27 so obviously drifting a bit. TN

6134.98, May 19 2330, R Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra as always strong signal (Thomas Nilsson, ƒngelholm, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 25 via DXLD)

6134.81v, R. Santa Cruz, normal format closing ID till 0208*, May 26. During all of my recent monitoring here, have only found one sign off anomaly on May 23 with heavy rock music from 0201 to 0215* with no ID at all; just a one day event. Brazil signs off usually just before 0200 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Noted very nice Bolivian openings at sunset on May 29. 6134.78 - Radio Santa Cruz was almost fair after the Brazil het ended at 0158*; Santa Cruz off at 0212* with the usual song they play at sign off (Ron Howard, CA, May 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6155.14 R Fides reactivated. Martien Groot alerted me two days ago that he had a weak station on this frequency. I was lucky enough to pick up an ID for R Fides at 0003 on May 27 (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Thomas, Thanks for this posting! Noted very nice Bolivian openings at sunset on May 29. 6155.11 - R Fides (presumed) going off about 0157*; nice to hear them again (Ron Howard, CA, May 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4785, Brasil, R·dio Caiari, Porto Velho, RO, 0955 om in Portuguese to music 0958 rooster crow 0959 Bom Dia repeated by om "nas palavras". 20 May (XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Wilkner, and Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. J· que as tropicais est„o com poucas r·dios, o Minc deveria autorizar as radios que est„o na mesma frequÍncia ir para uma freq¸Íncia vazia; exemplo:

4845, R·dio Cultura Ondas Tropicais de Manaus, 0122 UT, SINPO 43222, OM/cxs sobre uma reportagem. 13/05
4845, R·dio Meteorologia Paulista, 1122 UT, SINPO 44333, ID Geral de R·dios Jovem Pan, programa Jornal da Manh„, 14/05

Uma delas poderia ir para 4855. Saudades da r·dios Mundial RJ e JB RJ na onda de 60 Metros (Neto Silva, BrasÌlia DF, radioescutas yg via

DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4885, Brasil, R·dio Clube do Par·, BelÈm, PA, 0710 to 0755 noted in band scan with Brasil Pops good signal - Bom Dia 19 May (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4965.014, May 19 2300, Unid Brazilian station here, too weak in the static for any ID. Signed off somewhere between 2304-2326 when I have heard this station. Noted on May 21 with sign off at 2327* (Thomas Nilsson, ƒngelholm, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 25 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Observed between 2345 UT 23 May and 0610 24 May a program called "Com A M„e Aparecida" (Together with Mother Aparecida) in Portuguese as follows:
2345-0106 on 5035, 9630, 11855 (R·dio Aparecida);
0106-0220 5035, 9630, 11855, 9819 (Radio Nove de Julho relays Aparecida) and fade out for 9630 and 11855;
0220-0435 5035 and 9819 (fade out for 5035);
0435-0610 (fade out) 9819.

On 9819 at 0055 was Rosary sermon in Latin/Portuguese, at 0059 jingle and ID "R·dio Nove de Julho CatÛlica", at 0100 pips & Rosary and at 0106 switched to R·dio Aparecida program.

BTW on 22 May at 0100 on 5035, 9630, 9819, 11855 the speaker presented a long list of Bras stations which carry Com A M„e Aparecida, featuring R·dio EducaÁ„o, R·dio Cultura, R. RelÛgio, R. Difusora Paran· and others. So, mentioned in BC DX 1162 at 0505 on 9819 is R·dio Aparecida program, not from Nove de Julho (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, 27 May, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 5999.6, May 27 at 0116, R·dio Nacional BrasÌlia/AmazÙnia is reactivated here after several weeks, made obvious by the absence of RHC English! M&W laughing, music // much stronger 6180 and 11780. If RHC were on, there would be a 400 Hz het, which in fact I do hear at 0623 check when ``Ed Newman`` misasserts that it`s ``24 minutes past the hour``.

Last time 5999.6 was reported: April 11 as in DXLD 14-16. 6060, another RHC English frequency, as usual also has a het from Brasil, lower pitched than the one below 6000, May 27 at 0624 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5999.6, May 28 at 0113 check, the RNB carrier is still on causing het with 6000.0, RHC English which is just barely modulated (JBM) and confirmed as // 6165 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6180.007 is the fundamental RNB/RNA Brasilia signal, at 0130 UT on May 28 on S=9+20dB or -45dBm level. But also heard here the spurious outlet on 5999.591 kHz at 0133 UT at S=4-5 or -106dBm level.

And latter could only be heard with thin 1.6 kHz selected bandwidth on lower side of adjacent RHC 6000 kHz. Arnie Coro started at 0138 UT to 0148 UT here on S=9+25dB or-46dBm powerful outlet. "...very low solar flux activity ...".

RNB/RNA Brasilia also heard on \\ 11780.003 kHz at 0154 UT much fluttery S=9+20dB or -58dBm (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5999.6 is NOT spurious from 6180, but a separate transmitter, originally supposedly for DRM testing. This was all discussed in March/April when it was first being heard. It`s on again tonight hetting RHC (Glenn Hauser, UT May 28, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. Also R Cultura Filadelfia was noted tonight at 2158 on 6104.925 drifting a little from day to day. A few days ago, like May 19, noted on 6105,006 so drifting. 73 (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden,

** BRAZIL. QSL: R·dio Voz Mision‡ria, 9665, f/d BIG QSL certificate + magazine, Sent 1 IRC, Reply in 40 days (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11745-11755 & 11805-11815, May 24 at 0042, 11780 RNA with big dirty spurs at plus/minus 30 kHz spreading 10 kHz each. 11780 itself is slightly distorted. Strangely, I have seen zero other reports of this monstrosity from inside or outside Brasil.

11750 & 11810, May 24 at 0536, RNA 11780 is still putting out those filthy, distorted parasitic spurs. Next check at 0116 May 25, no spurs; they go and come (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11780.004, RNA rather weak tiny signal of fundamental S=5 or -90dBm at 1130 UT on May 24, so no spurious could be traced apart 25-35 kHz either side so far. Across the Pacific only CRI Vietnamese from Baoji TX #722 site is heard instead. 73 wb

Nothing heard of RNA around 11745-11755 or 11805-11820 as spurious on May 24 to 25th at 0430. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Aparecida/~11855 has to be more than the listed 1 kW as it booms in here, with a similar signal to Deus È Amor/~11765 which is supposedly 10 kW (Theo Donnelly, BC, NEW ZEALAND DX TIMES PAGE 28 MAY 2014, via DXLD)

We had reports several months ago in DXLD that they had got some new larger transmitters, like 10 kW for some of their frequencies (gh)

** BULGARIA. Frequency changes KBS World Radio from May 23 plus video:
1900-2000 NF 5925 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu German AM, ex 5870
1900-2000 NF 5940 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg to WeEu German DRM, ex 5885
In HFCC database frequencies are recorded back 5925 DRM, 5940 AM mode
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/05/frequency-changes-kbs-world-radio-from.html
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

** BURMA [non]. 13870, May 23 at 1328, SE Asian song, fair signal but cut off at 1328:14*. Aoki shows it`s RFA Burmese via TINIAN (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 690, May 23 at 0526 UT, KGGF Coffeyville KS is still on with open carrier after ``sign-off`` just after 0500 UT, and presumably all-night until ``sign-on``. Under it I hear some French Canadian. Since there is least QRM when shooting thru Coffeyville, I at first think of MontrÈal, but CKGM there is now in English (only, I assume), so it must be CBKF-1, Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan, 5/5 kW U2, with CBC PremiËre ChaÓne. Oops, I mean ``Ici``, not to be confused with ``E.C.``. Officially the net is called ``Ici Radio-Canada PremiËre`` in a strange font mixing upper- and lower-case letters, impossible to convey in plain text or audibly (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. RadioInsight ó CBC TO SHUT DOWN RADIO 2?
http://radioinsight.com/blog/headlines/88757/cbc-to-shut-down-radio-2/
Last Updated on May 23, 2014 at 7:25 am.
CBC Radio 2 Budget Cuts Termination
(via Artie Bigley, DXLD) Viz.:

A Canadian media watchdog group claims that the CBC will propose shutting down CBC Radio 2 at its June Board of Directors meeting. Friends of Canadian Broadcasting states that the national AAA/Classical/Jazz network could convert to an online operation among other budget cuts to resolve loss of funding from advertising drops and the loss of Hockey Night in Canada. Friends of Canadian Broadcasting accuses the the cutting of services as part of a plot by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Conservative Party to bring the CBC more closely aligned with the party.

The CBC quickly responded to the claims as ìspeculation, inaccurate and misinformationî. The Canadian Press report states that Friends of Canadian Broadcasting has been proven correct on other predictions regarding the CBC including the announcement of 657 job cuts in April.

Radio 2 operates on 14 signals in the biggest Canadian markets and numerous rebroadcasters throughout the country. The primary signals are: 102.1 CBR-FM Calgary, 90.9 CBX-FM Edmonton, 102.7 CBH-FM Halifax, 93.5 CBM-FM Montreal, 103.3 CBOQ-FM Ottawa, 96.9 CBK-FM Regina, 106.9 CBN-FM St. Johnís, 90.1 CBBS-FM Sudbury, 105.1 CBI-FM Sydney, 101.7 CBQ-FM Thunder Bay, 94.1 CBL-FM Toronto, 105.7 CBU-FM Vancouver, 89.9 CBE-FM Windsor, and 98.3 CBW-FM Winnipeg. It is not known what would happen to the signal should the network sign-off the terrestrial signals, but it is likely the licenses could be turned in and then opened up by the CRTC for new applicants (via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

TORONTO - A watchdog group says the CBC is planning a fresh round of service cuts, including making Radio Two online-only and merging some English and French programming ó but the public broadcaster denies the claims. Read more:
http://www.vancouversun.com/entertainment/planning+cuts+including+making+Radio+onlineonly+watchdog/9867223/story.html#ixzz32XoGCeVP
(via Mike Bugaj, CT, WTFDA via DXLD)

** CANADA. 1610, CHHA, Toronto ON, 11:45 pm 5/2 [EDT = 0345 UT May 3] English program with man and woman telling stories of lost treasure in Mexico. Program called "Lord of the Things", LordoftheThings.ca Program continued past midnight. May not be every Friday night? (Larry Russell, Flushing MI, MARE Tipsheet 23 May via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

** CANADA. (Non): 6070, This just in: CFRX is still off the air. (Per my checks on 5/20 through 5/23 at various times). (Ken Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 23 May via DXLD)

** CANADA. 6m Es maps show central USA activity again, nothing toward Mexico so I retry to get something from Canada with antenna NNE, UT May 22, and finally succeed for the first time this year:

0042 on 2, fade-in ad in English for Sleep Country (mattresses?); in & out, mostly out, weak signal

0106 on 2, Sears ad; 0110 drama with actor credits, in long-delayed opening after lengthy prologue; anvil bangs give it away as `Law & Order`, which I soon find is what`s scheduled this hour on CTV stations in Ontario.

0117 on 3, L`Oreal ad, and it`s // 2, so another CTV station. 0123 on two TVs I briefly match the audio as synchronized.

Hepburn ch 2 and 3 maps show there are two analog CTV in Ontario on

each channel, network key: B. W9WI.com now lacks network info for most Canadians but has the technical details. On 2 it`s a toss-up which, as they are close to same distance, same power and close enough to QRM each other, and in fact there is some CCI:

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Sault Ste Marie, ON CHBX-TV   100,000 182 - H 46-35-40N 084-21-00W OP
Wiarton, ON         CKCO-TV-2 100,000 286 - H 44-56-41N 081-07-54W OP
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On 3, Elliot Lake at 1684 km = 1046 mi is closer to the ch 2 stations, but Timmins has 5 times the power, at 1904 km = 1183 mi, which is certainly possible, but geography probably trumps ERP:

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Elliot Lake, ON     CICI-TV-1  19,000 122 Z H 46-25-47N 082-40-09W OP
Timmins, ON         CITO-TV   100,000 147 +dH 48-32-50N 080-57-08W OP
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BTW, on my DTV set I keep hoping for CKPR from Thunder Bay, but still no luck --- Maybe because it`s only 1.2 kW as a ``full-power`` station, which it really was in the analog era and often seen:

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Thunder Bay, ON     CKPR-DT     1,200 366   H 48-31-27N 089-06-53W OP
                                                          2.1:E:CBC
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Here the ch 2 and 3 sigs remain weak, in and out, so hardly looks like there could be an MUF into FM --- but I see that Rob Ross in London Ont was getting North Enid`s KNID 107.1 around 0140; and many others were getting KS/OK DX, so I switch to FM tuning on the porch with PL-880 at 0150-0200 UT --- but no sporadic E to be heard on the lower part of the band, just some minor tropo from what turned out to be Arkansas; see U S A (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Regarding my TVDX with CTV on channel 2 from two possible stations in up-province Ontario (I refuse to call it ``northern``), Saul Chernos in Toronto replies, ``I can't speak to 3 or higher, but I am pretty sure Wiarton is gone from 2 --- it's somewhat of a pest here in past years and haven't seen it this year.`` So with CKCO-2 ruled out, we are left with CHBX SSM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, CKCO-2 is still on the air. In here 24/7 (Bill Hepburn, Grimsby Ont., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have no idea why, but I'm getting a very weak Global Bancroft with no CCI whatsoever. Whereas CKCO-2 used to be more dominant than Global. No sign of Soo here, but don't have a TV tower (Saul Chernos, 1303 UT May 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Whoa --- I take that back. Watching the end of the CTV National News and waiting for the local news on 2-. I got the Northern Ontario news, not Kitchener's! CHBX is in here at 332 miles. I'm sure I saw a strong CKCO-2 here within the last month.

Saul, Did you hear something official about CKCO-2? I haven't heard of any other CTV analogues going off recently. Could they just be temporarily off with transmitter problems? (Bill Hepburn, ibid.)

** CANADA. After Es opening on FM from CO, UT, ID, and MN, and DTV from SD [see USA], May 25 at 2026 UT I start to see algo in analog on channel 2, so the opening is probably getting into Canada now. All times UT! [WORLD OF RADIO 1723]

2030 on 88.1, French Canadian talk, with CCI from DX and/or KWOU OK; 2032 ID in passing as ``Ici Radio-Canada, PremiËre``, which is the current official slogan of CBC French network 1. Also at 2035, 2039; 2047 interview mentioning Rio de Janeiro, about guess what? A bit of music; more FFC talk. 2100 UT SociÈtÈ Radio-Canada informations en franÁais, CCI.

Searching WTFDA on language: French, only one hit on 88.1, CFRH-FM in PENETANGUISHENE ON [whew], but it`s a community station, not CBC, and pretty far to the east. W9WI.com thinks it`s CBC English! Back to WTFDA to search all 88.1s in different provinces finds the obvious one in Manitoba, CKSB-10-FM, 100 kW H & V in Winnipeg, which is the defacto CBC French for that city, having quit AM 1050 originally in St-Boniface, which is the primary French ward of Winnipeg. No CBC French in SK on 88.1; the next closest in ON is CBON-1 in Sault Ste-Marie. Final FM Atlas had call for that as CBON-18. Recording of wrapup from 2057, 2058 local Winnipeg ID at 2:59 in clip, 2100 news: http://www.w4uvh.net/CKSB.mp3

2039 on 4 analog, CTV promo; 2042 mattress ad; 2043 promo CTV Morning News as also on FM 102.1 [meaning CFNY Brampton ON near Toronto? None in Manitoba]. 2053 ad for CLR bath and kitchen cleaners, (US) EPA approved! 2056 long movie credit roll allowed to be seen full-screen; unknown if theme music was interrupted as on US stations for promotion. Meanwhile much more FM DX, but at 2131 CTV Community Calendar for Winnipeg, including crf.mb.ca; 2144 CTV Morning Live promo. So it`s CKYB-TV, 100 kW in Brandon MB, really satellite of CKY-DT channel 7 in Wpg. I wonder how much longer before CKYB is DTV? Brandon city to city approx. distance in km/statute miles/nautical miles: 1507/936/814

2044 on 6 analog, algo, not // 4. CBWT Winnipeg has long left 6 for DTV on UHF. At 2050 on 6, Dairy Queen ad in English; my Zenith analog B&W TV is unable to keep sound from 88.1 CKSB from also coming thru the TV speaker when on channel 6. 2054 ad for Camp Circle of Friends, illegible text abottom in letterbox. There`s a good clue! Googling on that camp leads to Saskatoon/Regina (and northern Indiana). This summer camp [really ``o`Friends``] is to support children with cancer, at Arlington Beach, which is on the eastern shore of Last Mountain

Lake, northwest of Regina. So back to Saskatchewan, where there are two analog full-powers on 6 left per W9WI.com, but closer to southern MB is CKCK-TV-2, Willow Bunch, 52.7 kW, south central SK only 27 miles from Montana. (Other one is CFQC-TV-2, 30.3 kW in North Battleford, way up in west central SK.)

2055 on 2 analog, golf coverage in English, in and out for some time. A convenient site to find current and future broadcast TV listings is http://local.ca Not checked until Monday for this, but next Sunday, CKND on the Global network will be running PGA Golf at that time. It`s the only Global on 2 anywhere around central Canada, really CKND-TV-2 in Minnedosa MB, 100 kW, satellite of CKND in Winnipeg, which is now DTV on channel 40. How much longer will -2 be analog?

2102 on 92.7, Shaw Direct Satellite ad, shawdirect.ca/cottage; 2014 general elexions in Ontario made easy, cross fade to CBC News; back to here for ad on Sandy Beach Road in Dryden, low 15 tonight, recorded: http://www.w4uvh.net/CKDRCBW.mp3
CKDR-FM 92.7 DRYDEN ON, 39/17 kW H/V, adult contemporary format Dryden is in remote southwestern Ontario east of Kenora on the northern leg of the Trans-Canada hiway. Distance 1544/960/834

More from CKDR recorded at 2123, ``Today`s hits and yesterday`s favourites are on CKDR``, then song ``Walkin` in Rhythm`` http://www.w4uvh.net/CKDR.mp3

2103 on 92.7, cross fade from CKDR above to CBC News: http://www.w4uvh.net/CKDRCBW.mp3
news about Wojciech Jaruzelski dying; also Knowlton Nash has died, last night at 86, was longtime TV news anchor; prime minister Harper saddened; promo for Canadian South Asian Music Mix on CBCmusic.ca with over 50 web radio stations free; promo Radio 2 top 20, http://cbcmusic.ca/radio2top20
2106 opening `¿ Propos` show which is on CBC Radio Two (English!)

No CBCs on 92.7 in Ontario, so must be one or the other of:
CBWS-FM 92.7 BRANDON MB, 90/90 kW, distance 1507/936/814 --- or:
CBWY-FM 92.7 JACKHEAD MB, 33/33 kW. Jackhead is way up on the southern shore of Lake Winnipeg, distance 1729/1074/933.

2117 on 89.3, French Canadian CCI to KCMP in MN (see USA); in Winnipeg there is a low-power English CBW fill-in while AM continues on 990; the only French anywhere near is:
CBON-FM-2 89.3 THUNDER BAY ON, 16.5 kW H, distance 1509/938/815

2119 on 89.5, ``CJRL 20/20 weather`` for the Kenora region, lo 13, hi 23, see website ``89.5 The Lake.ca`` Top 5 hits from this day in 1976: ``Welcome back``. Tuned to 89.4 avoiding local 89.7. Recorded:

http://www.w4uvh.net/CJRL.mp3
CJRL-FM 89.5 KENORA ON, 50/21.5 kW, THE LAKE, ADULT CONTEMPORARY
Distance: 1513/940/817

2124 on 93.1, RDS reads ``HITS YOU WANT 93.1 THE HITS YOU NEED`` not necessarily in that order as the scrolling stalled. Nothing fits in WI, MN or ND, but not far from Kenora is:
CFOB-FM 93.1 FORT FRANCES ON, 21/21 kW H/V, 'WPM', THE BORDER, HOT AC
Checked their website and don`t find that phrase, but Googling on 93.1 ìhits you needî nails it! CFOB: http://www.b93.ca/djs.html

``Peace signs, bell bottoms, tie dieÖand some great music!  Donít miss ìThe 70ísî with Charlie Tuna, a presentation of Kupila Sound Centre in Devlin, Saturday nights from 7 till midnight and Sundayís from 1 to 6 on 931 the border. The classic hits you want the new hits you need.``
Distance: 1408/875/760

2144 on 93.1, CFRY contest promo, recorded, very poor; ID barely audible at :17 into the clip. Popping seems to be produced by the digital recorder it`s patched into, drat:
http://www.w4uvh.net/CFRY1.mp3
2145, CFRY weather, lo 13, hi 24, and singing ID:
http://www.w4uvh.net/CFRY2.mp3
CFRY-FM 93.1 PORTAGE LA PRARIE MB, 27/27 kW H/V, CLASSIC ROCK.
Distance: 1530/951/826

2202, only weak CCI on analog 3 and 4, and FM about gone except for:

2205 on 88.5, mixing with OK station, mentioning weather on 94.1, so another translator/satellite? No fits in Minnesota

2245 on 88.3, interview in English with QuÈbec accent, probably Thunder Bay rather than Wawa, only CBC Ontarians:
CBQT-FM 88.3 THUNDER BAY ON, 23.7 kW H, CBC RADIO ONE
CBLJ-FM 88.3 WAWA ON, 4.807 kW H, M CBC RADIO ONE
all per the WTFDA FM database (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. A bit of analog Es UT May 28:

0010 on 2, weak signal in and out, maybe Seinfeld? Antenna north, but not confirmed with audio in English

0128 on 2, drama in English, antenna NNE; can make out unobtrusive Global bug in lower right. No doubt it`s CKND-2, Minnedosa MB, the only analog Global left on 2 this side of eastern Ontario

0131 on 2, OFF ad vs different Canadian bugs

0159 on 2, `Law & Order` recognizable right up to 0200

0200 on 2, Global Preview of some other show, really a trailer, but it`s sponsored by something unrelated on part of the screen.

0335 on 2, some video fades back in; 0338 it`s CTV News mentioning Timmins, Sudbury. This chex with CHBX Sault Sainte Marie ON schedule for 11:30 pm EDT CTV [local] news following 11:00 pm national news. The only other CTV possibility, two timezones further west, CKBQ in Melfort, Sask., won`t be in local news until 0630 UT according to schedules, i.e. after midnight local CST. 0338 tail end of local weather segment and fadeout.

Another brief Es opening May 28:

1324 on 3, with antenna NNE, CCI including interview in English, 1325 mentioning Saskatoon, so it`s really from the NNW, CFQC-TV-1, Stranraer, the only analog 3 left in SK, 100 kW. City to city distance 1899 km/1180 smi/1026 nmi (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 102.3 in Arabic: see UNIDENTIFIED [non]

** CHILE. 7550, RCW [pretendida], 25/05 0140 UT. Portadora abierta con m˙sica y muy baja modulaciÛn. Al parecer las condiciones en esta parte de los 40 metros se encuentran con mucho ruido atmosfÈrico. SINPO: 25121 // 6925-AM misma programaciÛn, de la frecuencia anterior. SINPO: 25222. Cabe destacar que sÛlo hay m˙sica en estas frecuencias, no hay ID. Tampoco hay avisos de programaciÛn en la p·gina de Facebook o Ustream (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Ant: hilo 30 metros, QTH: Ovalle centro, IV regiÛn, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. CNR1 jamming morning of May 22: still quite a while since I have found any Firedrake jamming.

15565, May 22 at 1351, CNR1 jammer, very poor but // 19000; no het audible from V of Tibet; and none in the 18s, 17s, 16s, 14s, 13s, 12s

18980, May 22 at 1240, CNR1 jammer, fair vs unheard RFA Tibetan via Kuwait, the Mon & Thu frequency for the 12-13 hour, per Aoki. None in the 17s, 16s, 14s, 13s, 12s by 1243

19000, May 22 at 1347, CNR1 jammer, good with flutter, vs unheard RFA Tibetan via Kuwait, its Thursday-only frequency during this hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17740, CNR1 v. ??? *1400-1500* daily // 17570 (v. VOA) --unlisted in Aoki (CRI/Riyadh here 04-09 & that's it). Both '570 & '740 have window-rattling signals into my little chunk of Paradise (Dan Sheedy,

Swami's Beach, CA, circa 22/23 May, PL380/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CNR1 jammers May 24; 11 and 15 MHz inbanders not checked:
14870, May 24 at 1253, CNR1 jammer, very poor; none in the 12s, 13s
16100, May 24 at 1255, CNR1 jammer, fair
16920, May 24 at 1255, CNR1 jammer, fair; none in the 17s, 18s
19000, May 24 at 1257, CNR1 jammer, very poor to 1300:07*

CNR1 jamming morning of May 25:
10960, May 25 at 1227, CNR1 jammer, fair; with Sunday evening serious music show, Chinese operatic vocal duet at the moment
13830, May 25 at 1236, CNR1 jammer, very poor but // 16750
16100, May 25 at 1231, CNR1 jammer, fair
16750, May 25 at 1232, CNR1 jammer, good
17300, May 25 at 1232, CNR1 jammer, very poor
18930, May 25 at 1235, CNR1 jammer seems, very poor, talk cutting on and off. It`s the Sunday-only RFA Tibetan via Kuwait 12-13 frequency. At 1306, can`t find any next one on the band, but Aoki shows 19010 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17515, CNR1, 1433+ 25 May. Jammer v. VOA Tibetan (14-15 Tu/Th/Sa/Su & unheard). (Dan Sheedy, Swami's Beach, CA PL380/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CNR1 jammers May 26:
15115, May 26 at 1325, CNR1 jammer, good but heavy CCI from victim, VOA Chinese via THAILAND (yet CRI English to us is unimpeded via ALBANIA, CUBA, SPAIN: the ChiCom have no shame)

15195, May 26 at 1250, CNR1 jammer, poor

15250, May 26 at 1250, CNR1 jammer, fair

15555, May 26 at 1249, CNR1 jammer, poor, echo apart from // 16250

16250, May 26 at 1247, CNR1 jammer, fair-good; none in the 17s altho the CRI East Turkistanis are in well on 17560, 17630, 17650

18930, May 26 at 1324 & 1356, CNR1 jammer, fair, on the Monday-only 13-14 frequency of RFA Tibetan via Kuwait, per Aoki. No others now in the 12s, 13s, 14s, 16s, 17s, 19s

18980, May 26 at 1245, JBA signal with SAH, no doubt CNR1 jammer vs RFA Tibetan via KUWAIT on its Monday (and Thursday) 12-13 frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 7215, May 23 at 1338, Asian pop song, poor signal but no

QRhaM at the moment, until some CW or rather spoiler carriers come and go at 1346. This is really the only broadcast signal audible now in the 7200s, and per Aoki it`s CRI Japanese service, 500 kW, 59 degrees also USward from Jinhua-Youbu 831 site. Should be // 7325 via Xi`an. Fleeting memory of 7215 as Brunei`s last and only SW frequency, no way. See also CUBA

15600, May 22 at 1236, poor signal in Asian language with RTTY QRM. Aoki shows it`s CRI Malaysian via Kunming at 1230-1327; tsk2, CRI getting QRMed!! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Some logs of 22/5: 16153.07, CHINA, 0814 with a tones of backwards style, S3 max (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) Would you care to explain what this is and why you know it is from China? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CHINA. QSL: Standard Time & Frequency Station BPM China, 10000, F/d QSL card after F/up to Email: kyc @ atsc.ac.cn Reply in total 13 months (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. NOTE: Logs appended [MANA] were made at Manasota Key, Florida with various but mostly multiple Collins and a Yaesu FRF-100 radio courtesy of Paul V Zecchino.

1000, RCN, Cartagena, BolÌvar. 0320 May 24, 2014. ID, news, mostly Colombian and US items and a segment of Cap and Trade, some presumed Cuban co-channel. [MANA]

1100, Caracol, Barranquilla, Atl·ntico. 0200 May 24, 2014. ID, news. Fair. [MANA] (Terry L Krueger, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR. 5066.32, May 22 -1948*, R Candip left the frequency at this time (Thomas Nilsson, ƒngelholm, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 25 via DXLD)

5066.3, Candip, 1718 23/5, with signal S5 and French lang. Video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdH9kxZzGpE
(Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Re: ``1010, May 4 at 0558 UT, amid QRM I hear the ``RR`` Morse code ID of Radio Reloj; but WRTH 2014 shows no Cuban on this frequency! Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

My copy of the 2014 WRTH lists four Cubans on 1020 kHz including R. Reloj, Victoria de las Tunas, as also listed in past editions of IDXD. However, older editions of WRTH list three Cubans on 1010 kHz including R. Reloj, Jobabo. The mwmasts database and the EcuRed

listing show nothing on 1010 kHz (Bruce Conti, NH, ibid.)

** CUBA. NOTE: Logs appended [MANA] were made at Manasota Key, Florida with various but mostly multiple Collins and a Yaesu FRF-100 radio courtesy of Paul V Zecchino.

Logs appended [BOCA] were made at Lighthouse Beach Park, Boca Grande (island), Florida with a Sony ICF-7600GR.

Logs not appended were made at the Clearwater, FL QTH.

860, Radio Reloj, Jovellanos, Matanzas. 0347 May 24, 2014. Fair under someone domestic. [MANA]

930, Radio Reloj. 0910 May 25, 2014. Fair under domestic, three sites listed.

970, Radio Guam·, Los Palacios, Pinar del RÌo. 0349 May 24, 2014. Over/under WFLA, Cuban anthem 0359, female ID 0402. [MANA]

970, Radio Rebelde, Trinidad, Sancti SpÌritus. 0400 May 24, 2014. A few seconds after Radio Guam· queued the anthem, this one was up with the anthem. Too weak to catch an ID, but the only other one listed on 970. [MANA]

1040, Radio Victoria, Victoria de las Tunas, Las Tunas. 0155 May 24, 2014, good, parallel 1050. [MANA]

1150, Radio Bayamo, Bueycito, Granma. 0214 May 24, 2014. Good under/over WJBO with Cuban oldie vocals, parallel weaker 1160 and fair-poor 1140, so these three are still active. [MANA]

1310, Radio Enciclopedia, Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud. 0355 May 25, 2014. EZL music, female time check, ID into highly truncated Cuban anthem at 0400. Parallel 530 kHz. Fair, nice to hear them here again.

1550, Radio Rebelde, Santa Clara, Villa Clara. 2115 May 24, 2014. Excellent with weak WRHC under, apparently soccer coverage as lots of "goooooooal" mentions. What, no baseball? Presumed site though many listed. [BOCA]

(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, HQ-180A, ICF-7600GR, Aqua Guide 705 RDF, DX-399, GE Superadio III, roof dipole, random indoor wire, active loop, Term MW loop, VHF/UHF handhelds etc. unless otherwise indicated, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 1620, May 27 at 0614, ``a esta hora, al ritmo de la vida en Rebelde``, and // 5025 so the AM, not the FM service now (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also BRAZIL [and non]

** CUBA. 17730, May 22 at 1349, RHC is just barely modulated; slightly better on // 17580, barely modulated.

9580, May 23 at 0149, I notice that CRI English relay audio is cutting off more than on, unusable; while // 9570 via ALBANIA is fine. The incompetents at RadioCuba do it again.

[and non]. 15340 & 15370, May 24 at 1254, RHC is already on earlier than 1300, but the resultant leapfrog on 15400 not strong enough to bother HCJB.

15310, May 25 at 1311, RHC leapfrog very poor and weaker than // leapfrog 15400, both of which are produced by insufficient isolation between the bigsigs on 15340 and 15370 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Just a couple lines more about Bejical [sic]. About 5 years ago I was visiting this place during my first tour to Cuba as a tourist from Canada. I went as far as the check point at 22-52-35.33 N, 82-19-51.53W, where our car was stopped by the solders with automatic weapons. Quite politely we were asked where we were heading. We told them that we were looking for a small village and we were lost. Not so far down the road I saw a sort of barracks, abandoned, with no glass on the windows at 22-52-27.75N 82-19-49.21W. So we drew back and then I took some pics of the antennas, I believe at 22-52-53.56N 82-19-56.45W. I think that 5 years ago this area was not functioning but still checked (Lev Lytovchenko, May 27, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

Hi Lev, Great to hear from you again and terrific to receive your contribution with notes, observations and pic. It makes for good reading & helps us piece together the jigsaw puzzle that is the Bejucal SW transmitter site.

Yes, there are obviously a lot of derelict abandoned buildings there now and probably just a skeleton staff of military personnel there now as per your observations compared to much earlier cold war days.

After others` observations (disclosing the bunker site) and my own, maybe the entrance to the underground bunker transmitter building is specifically the rectangular concrete looking object located exactly here:
22 52'11.90"N, 82 19'51.13"W as per GE image, date: 5/4/2010. There is sufficient shadow height compared to tree shadows to indicate an entrance at this point on several images. Maybe grass on top.

Regarding the usage of the site, the one thing that bothers me is the lack of cars and other vehicles at the bunker site, looking at all the GE imagery. So looking further at all GE images there is what could be a car either parked, entering or leaving this specific spot: 22 52'11.29"N, 82 19'50.60"W on this single GE image dated: 2/24/2005. So maybe cars for the workers enter and exit at this spot (into the bunker) which is partially overshadowed by trees?

It would be very interesting surveying sites like these with hobbyist remote controlled drone aircraft with attached cameras ;-) Would give the Cuban soldier some firing practice as well - haha.

Lev, if you have any other images of the site that you would like to share please drop us a note. BTW it looks like from your photo that the curtains, or at least one of them might be either a 4 x 2 or 4 x 4 curtain array. With your camera shot some 1.7 km away, it's amazing that your image is as good as it is. Do you recall anything else about the antennas?

The other item we failed to mention, is that maybe the workers (assuming site might still be staffed/partly operational) are to taken to and from site by a shuttle bus service. Perhaps operating from Aguacate or elsewhere nearby (Ian Baxter, NSW, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

Hi, Ian! My warmest thanks for your letter. Actually, being under those quite risky circumstances, I could take pictures from only one position, where the area in front of me was open and we were hidden behind the bushes from the solders' view. I've sent you my best pix of the site. Another picture, which I can share, could be one, where you can see more clearly the curtains between the masts. 73 to all of you! (Lev Lytovchenko, ibid.)

** CYPRUS. 9369-9392, May 25 at 0114, OTH radar pulsing, presumed from here, fortunately encountering no broadcasters; WWRB already on 3185 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CZECHIA. QSL: CRo1 Long wave transmitter from Topolna 270 (closed in January 2014), letter, f/d QSL, cards directly from the Topolna station, Sent 1 IRC, Reply in 10 days. 270 special printed QSL-card directly from Topolna Transmitter Station. The address for reception reports is: Transmitter Station Topolna, Oblast Jizni Morava, RKS AM1 Topolna, CZ-687 11 Topolna, Czech Republic.

Received second Verification of the same station Topolna 270 via Radio Prague central office, f/d QSL, post Cards, pocket calendars, following my Email, Email: cr @ radio.cz Reply in 3 weeks (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Czech government have decided back then to extend the service of their longwave service on 270, but now with reduced power at 50 kW. (Sylvain Naud, Portneuf, QC, CANADA, playdx via DXLD)

** EAST TURKISTAN. 11885, Xinjiang PBS, 1659 23/5 with ID at 1700 then with music mixed with talk by YL clear after 1700 as there was QRM on 11880 and 11890 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. Subject: Question about R. Cairo --- Hey Glenn, Love the reports as always! Do you have any knowledge of why Cairo's audio is so distorted? It sounds horrible! Thanks (Anthony Messina, May 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Anthony, Not really, except it`s been a totally dysfunxinonal station for many years. Incompetent engineering; obvious lack of, or no communication among programming, management and technical departments, etc. (Glenn to Anthony, via DXLD)

Damn shame. Total waste of a frequency and transmitter. Sent from my iPod (Anthony to Glenn, ibid.)

Not just one transmitter and one frequency but three or four at a time (any time) with different and varying degrees of disturbance (Glenn to Anthony, ibid.)

9965, R. Cairo, English with barely intelligible English talk by YL, but clearly them with the Cairo Mumblemouth Syndrome. This is listed as Arabic in Aoki & EiBi; a mistake or an additional English broadcast? 4444+2, 0350-0400 10/May

9965, R Cairo, English, Cairo Mumblemouth about the same as yesterday and worse during voice so I had to strain to really verify this was still English--apparently they have an additional release of their English programme that Aoki & EiBi donít list. Weekends only? 4+4+54+2 0340-0345 11/May (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Port Hope MI, MARE Tipsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

On May 10 & 11, Kenneth Vito Zichi on a MARE DXpedition in Michigan, found 9965 with unscheduled English between 0340 and 0400, so weekends only? Not this weekend: May 25 at 0331, 9965 is in Arabic, but not // different Arabic on extremely distorted 13850 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12070, May 25 at 0118, R. Cairo Spanish service, presumably, awful distortion and buzz out to plus/minus 13 kHz or so; 11710 modulation is suppressed and distorted, only audible at peaks of spikes, but no

het from Argentina on a UT Sunday; 9315 is distorted but relatively readable.

9965, May 25 at 0119, R. Cairo Arabic service with talk and music, whine but not too distorted. One could listen if sufficiently motivated (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. QSL: Amhara State Station, 6090, friendly e mail letter, V/s: Chalacew Achamyelhe (Head of Amhara Radio Station) Reply in 10 days, Info WEB: http://www.amma.gov.et Email: moges100 @ yahoo.com (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. R. Ethiopia, 1720+, 7236.5, music with heavy drum beat, fair with somewhat stronger audio than usual, sign-off close to 1900, mostly music heard befort, later than usual. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, May 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Cf. BC DX 1162: Radio Ethiopia is regular observed here varying between 7236 and 7238 kHz, featuring programs in English and French, 1600-1700 daily and Radio Voice of Peace and Democracy of Eritrea, 1800-1833 Mon, Wed, Fri (and irregularly on Sat and Sun - maybe another clandestine radio) and 0357-0457 Mon, Wed, Fri. All noted in May but it seems the other clandestines V of Eritrea and V of Democratic Alliance are not on the air on weekdays from 1800 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, 27 May, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. BULGARIA, Frequency change of Dimtse Radio Erena in Oromo from May 23: 1700-1730 on 11560 SOF 050 kW / 195 deg to EaAf, ex 11560. Video from today
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/05/frequency-change-of-dimtse-radio-erena.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Oops, you gave the old and new frequencies as the same, 11560 (gh)

** EUROPE. GERMANY, New transmission via MBR - Echo of Europe in English/French: 1830-1845 on 7315 NAU 125 kW / 230 deg to WeEu Tue/Fri. Video from May 23. Echo of Europe in English and French to WeEu 1830 on 7315 Nauen
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiREzZ3IbIE&feature=youtu.be
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/05/new-transmission-via-mbr-echo-of-europe.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. QSL: Shortwave Rock, 6045, Email QSL following my Email, Reply in 10 days Email: studio @ shortwaverock.com

QSL: Geronimo Shortwave via M/V Baltic radio, 9480, f/d e QSL

following my Email. Reply in 2 months. Email: geronimoshortwave @ hotmail.com

QSL: Rocklive Radio 6150, Email QSL, Reply in 3 weeks, Email: willi @ rockliveradio.de

QSL: PCJ International, 5995 (via Tx Nauen), f/d Email QSL for Email report, Reply in 10 days. Email: pcjqsl @ pcjmedia.com

QSL: Lutherische Stunde via 693, Oranjeburg, QSL Email to: hansjoerg_biener @ yahoo.de Reply in 2 months (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. 9420 // 7455 // 15630, May 26 at 0123, all three Avlis are on with Greek music, in that descending order of strength. Is NERIT in charge of these yet? Or still the ERT ``rebels`` as wb calls them. Seems to have been no change in, programming, irregular operation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This is my reception report for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 27-28, 2014

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                TUESDAY 5/20 | WEDNESDAY 5/28
 1900  2000  2100  2200  2300| 0000  0100  0200  kHz  Az   kW Station
00000 15241 15241 15241 XXXXX|XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX  7450 323 100 1
15241 25242 25242 25242 XXXXX|XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX 15630 285 100 2
XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX 55555|55555 55555 55555  7475 285 100 1
XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX 00000|00000 00000 00000 15650 226 100 2
15241 25342 25342 45344 55555|55555 55555 55555  9420 323 170 3
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(John Babbis, Silver Spring MD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. 9890, May 23 at 1200, AWR theme, and KSDA ID introducing in English Mandarin to follow; 9880, May 23 at 1200, AWR theme, could have been parallel only 10 kHz away, but this one goes into Korean. 9890 at 1200 is in Amoy on Sunday-Thursday, Mandarin Friday-Saturday per Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Here is a short audio clip of last evening`s AIR DRM decode: http://swldx.us/blog/?p=866
73, (Brandon Jordan, Fayette County, TN - EM55gc,
WinRadio G33DDC, WinRadio G313-e, RFSpace SDR-IQ, Icom R75, Eton E1
DX Engineering NCC-1 Phased Dual Active Verticals
Array Solutions AS-SAL-12 Shared Apex Loop
Array Solutions AS-SAL-30 Shared Apex Loop,
May 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Last evening I had the best reception of AIR GOS DRM transmission to date. Well known Indian DXer Alokesh Gupta requested an audio sample from that reception for AIR. Here is a clip from 2357 UT.

http://swldx.us/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/
AIR_DRM_13605_2357_21May14.mp300:0000:0000:00
General Overseas Service ñ All India Radio
DRM Broadcast ñ 13,605 kHz 21 May 2014, 2357 UT
(Jordan blog, ibid.)

AIR External Services has just made the following change:
13695 replaces 11985 at 0215-0300 Kannada to Middle East.
Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, May 22, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. Monday - May 26, listen to AIR at 1200 UT
Top Headline - http://newsonair.nic.in/full_news.asp?TOP1 ---

"The country will get its 15th Prime Minister today. Mr. Narendra Modi, who led BJP to an astounding victory in the Lok Sabha elections, will be sworn-in as the Prime Minister at a grand function in the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhawan at 6 PM.

Nearly 4,000 guests are expected to attend the ceremony. Top leaders from SAARC countries, including Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Nepal Prime Minister Sushil Koirala, Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai, Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa, Maldivian President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom, Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, Bangladesh Parliament Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury and Mauritius Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam will attend the ceremony. This is the first time that the heads of state of SAARC nations have been invited to attend the swearing-in ceremony of an Indian Prime Minister.

President Pranab Mukherjee will administer the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Modi and his council of Ministers in the presence of outgoing Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Congress President Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, besides leaders of various other parties and Chief Ministers of a number of states.

Ahead of being sworn-in, Mr. Modi paid homage to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi at his Samadhi in Rajghat this morning. He was accompanied by some BJP leaders, including Prakash Javdekar and Dr. Harshvardhan.

Elaborate arrangements have been made for the smooth conduct of the swearing-in ceremony of Mr. Narendra Modi. AIR correspondent reports that traffic restrictions have been imposed to facilitate invitees to reach the venue.

All India Radio - Delhi will broadcast live the swearing-in ceremony from 5:55 PM on its Rajdhani channel today. The News Services Division

of All India Radio will broadcast a special live bilingual discussion in Hindi and English on the formation of the new Council of Ministers before the swearing-in-ceremony from 5:30 PM to 5:55 PM, and also immediately after the live broadcast of the swearing-in-ceremony upto 7:35 PM.

All AIR Stations including local radio stations, FM Gold channels and FM Rainbow channels will relay the entire programme from 5:30 PM. [1200 UT - Ron]

The News Services Division of all India Radio will also broadcast a live bilingual phone-in programme in Hindi and English from 9:30 to 10 PM. It can be heard on Indraprastha, Rajdhani, FM Gold, FM Rainbow channels and additional frequencies. Listeners can pose questions to the experts in our Studios on the issues before the new Government on the telephone number: 011: 2331-4444. This programme will also be available on Doordarshan DTH" (Ron Howard, California, 0625 UT May 26, dxldyg via DXLD)

9470.9, AIR Aligarh, 1318, May 26. AIR IS and played "Vande Mataram" (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Usual sign-on routine (gh)

** INDIA. Shri Prakash Javadekar is new Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Information & Broadcasting

Shri Prakash Javadekar took charge of his new assignment as Minister of Information & Broadcasting here today. Speaking to media persons thereafter, Shri Javadekar said that freedom of press is the pillar of democracy. He added that press freedom is imperative for the success of democracy as it gives a rainbow of opinion. He also mentioned that the media itself suffices for self-regulation.

In his interaction with the media-persons, Shri Javadekar further mentioned that institutions are important for the functioning of democracy and priorities would be worked out after due consultation with the stakeholders.

The Minister also touched upon the idea of ìMazboot Bharat, Viksit Bharatî reiterating the vision of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in this regard. He added that we have a majority for the government but we need cooperation of the entire country to make a strong and developed nation by 2025.

Later, the Minister was briefed on the key initiatives, mandate and policy framework of the Ministry by Secretary (I&B) and other Senior Officials of the Ministry.

Press Information Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, 27-May-2014 14:04 IST
(via Alokesh Gupta, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 4869.89v, RRI Wamena, 1230-1315, May 22. Checking for the normal Thursday edition of Kang Guru Indonesia (KGI), but was not carried today; Atsunori Ishida also noted their absence. Maybe back next Thursday? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA [non-log]. 9525.88v, VOI. May 27 - Went to the beach early this morning in the hope to confirm reception of Tuesday's Exotic Indonesia's "100.9 Paradise FM, RRI Denpasar" program from 1000 to 1100, but was unlucky to find they were off the air. Atsunori Ishida indicated VOI today with *1159 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA [non]. INTERNATIONAL RADIO FOR DISASTER RELIEF, JUNE 4-5

The HFCC's International Radio for Disaster Relief project is still on track for a major test of international shortwave broadcasters on June 4-5. I'll definitely pass along anything I hear in terms of QSL's and frequencies. The HFCC has let me know that the test will focus on CIRAF Zone 54 (Indonesia). I will be focusing on writing an overview for the NGO community, and will make this available to you as well. (Mehmet Burk, ReliefAnalysis.com, Columnist: CQ Plus, May 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi there DXers. Since Fraunhofer is involved, there is a good "chance" that these transmissions will be another demonstration for the DRM system. The DRM Consortium is quite active in promoting the idea of using DRM for "disaster communications". All this is connected to a regional media convention in Jakarta June 4-5. website for the event:
http://www.abu.org.my/Event-_-ccdrr.aspx
I also have contacted the HFCC regarding all this, but not reply so far. Regards (Harald Kuhl, Germany, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD 14-21 via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD 14-22)

Adrian Peterson tells me he will have more details about this on the June 1 edition of AWR Wavescan (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HFCC Tentative scheduling during Jakarta Media Summit June 5 & 6, 2014, UT:
0200 - 0230 Radio Australia Shepparton Australia 21840 kHz
0230 - 0530 BBC Nakhon Thailand 15650
0500 - 0530 Radio Vatican Santa Maria Vatican 21840
0530 - 0600 SLBC Trincomalee Sri Lanka 15650

0730 - 0800 MGLOB Talata Madagascar 21840 250 kW
0800 - 0830 VOA Thailand or Philippines 15650 or 21840 TBA
0830 - 0900 VOA Thailand or Philippines 15650 or 21840 TBA
0830 - 0900 NHK-WRN Medorm Palau 15650
0900 - 0930 VOA Thailand or Philippines TBA
0930 - 1000 VOA Thailand or Philippines TBA
1000 - 1030 AIR Bangalore India 15 or 17 MHz 500 kW
Just received confirmation, AIR frequency is 15650 kHz - 1000-1030 UT
1030 - 1100 CRI Beijing China 21840
1100 - 1130 KTWR Merizo Guam 15650
TBA FEBC Manila Philippines TBA (Source: Dr. Adrian Peterson, Adventist World Radio via Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD)

Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) to participate with a special broadcast in the International Radio for Disaster Relief (IRDR) Trial on June 5th and 6th

The Emergency Warning Features (EWF) of the DRM system will be featured in a special broadcast included in the IRDR Trial to coincide with the Media Summit on Climate Change to be held June 4th - 6th 2014 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The aim of the trial - special programmes carried by twelve important broadcasters- is to demonstrate that shortwave broadcasting has a unique value for affected populations and that the existing framework of global shortwave coordination can be employed for disaster risk purposes. Special clear channels have been selected for the IRDR Trial and there will be transmissions from a number of different broadcasters and sites between 0200 and 1130 UTC each day of the Media Summit.

The DRM Consortium have produced a 30 minute long programme explaining the benefits of the DRM EWF which can be heard on the BBC/Babcock transmissions on 15650 kHz at 0300ñ0330, 0400ñ0430 and 0500ñ0530 UT on both the 5th and 6th of June.

The special DRM radio programme explains what the inbuilt emergency functionality of DRM is and how alarm signals generated by the authorities can override running programmes and carry the emergency message instantly to large numbers of people. The DRM special broadcast will be an inviting introduction to the DRM presentation and demonstration to be given by Alexander Zink, Vice-Chair of the DRM Consortium (and Senior Business Development Manager, Fraunhofer IIS, Germany) on June 6th in the morning, at the Media Summit on Climate.

ìDuring emergencies and times of crisis, most of the services failî, says Ruxandra Obreja, DRM Consortium Chairman, ìradio is the last line of communication and the obvious solution for bringing information to the people. We are very excited to have our first radio broadcast on the in-built emergency disaster functionality of DRM during such an

important event like the one in Jakarta.î

For those interested in the DRM special broadcast this will be made available very soon on: http://www.drm.org (DRM Consortium Press Release via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, cumbredx yg via DXLD)

So are BBC`s the only DRM mode broadcasts during this series, or not? The others are not specified. Another version in UT+7 local (gh, DXLD)

EIT Start	EIT Finish	Broadcaster	Transmitter Location	Country	(kHz)
09:00	09:30	Radio Australia	Shepparton	Australia	21840
09:30	12:30	BBC	Nakhon Sawan	Thailand	15650
12:00	12:30	Radio Vatican	Santa Maria di Galeria	Vatican	21840
12:30	13:00	Sri Lanka BC	Trincomalee	Sri Lanka	15650
13:00	14:00	First Response Radio	FEBC	Phillipines	15650
14:30	15:00	MGLOB	Talata Volonondry	Madagascar	21840
15:00	15:30	IBB (Radio Free Asia)	Tinang or Udon Thani		15650
15:30	16:00	NHK Japan	Palau		15650
16:00	16:30	IBB (Radio Free Asia)	Tinang or Udon Thani		15650
17:00	17:30	All India Radio	Bangalore	India	15650
17:30	18:00	RTC	Beijing	China	21840
18:00	18:30	KTWR	Guam		15650

The bolded times overlap, for a possible test to see if the receivers automatically switch to the transmitter carrying the Emergency Warning. IBB also runs Voice of America.

EIT is the time where the conference is being held.
[should be WIB = western Indonesian time UT +7, not eastern --- gh]

I have asked Radio Australia If they are transmitting in DRM for the above time. Their transmitters are DRM capable. Alan (Via DRMNA YG via Alokesh Gupta, cumbredx yg via DXLD)

Friday, May 30, 2014 International Radio for Disaster Relief DRM Trial

"Digital Radio Mondiale announced that the Emergency Warning Features of the DRM system would be featured in a broadcast included in the International Radio for Disaster Relief Trial (IRDR) Trial to coincide with the Media Summit on Climate Change to be held June 4ñ6 in Jakarta, Indonesia"...

June 5-6 15650 kHz (BBC/Babcock) 0300ñ0330, 0400ñ0430, 0500ñ0530 UT

UPDATE: 20140601
Special transmissions in English or Mandarin targeting Indonesia (in UT) on June 5-6, 2014 (unknown if these are all DRM):

0200-0230 ABC Radio Australia, Shepparton - 21840 kHz
0230-0530 BBC, Nakhon Sawan, Thailand - 15650 kHz
0500-0530 R Vatican, Santa Maria di Galeria - 21840 kHz
0530-0600 Sri Lanka BC, Trincomalee - 15650 kHz
0600-0700 First Response Radio via FEBC, Philippines - 15650 kHz
0730-0800 MGLOB Madagascar - 21840 kHz (alternative time: 0930-1000)
0800-0830 IBB, Tinang or Udon Thani - 15650 kHz
0830-0900 NHK World Radio Japan, Palau - 15650 kHz
0900-0930 IBB, Tinang or Udon Thani - 15650 kHz
1000-1030 All India Radio, Bangalore - 15650 kHz
1030-1100 RTC China (in Standard Chinese), Beijing - 21840 kHz
1100-1130 KTWR Guam - 15650 kHz
<from Mauno Ritola on the WRTH Facebook group, via DXLD>
(via http://www.drmna.info via DXLD)

** IRAN. 13590, May 23 at 0520* a few seconds of the VIRI IS heard before off, clearing the frequency for nothing but CODAR. Aoki shows VIRI, 0450-0520, 500 kW, 325 degrees also USward from Kamalabad in Russian (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11685, IRIB Bosnian service on this channel ends at 2220 UT, but now a half hour later I hear a seemingly IRIB Hausa service here still on this channel. 2303 UT May 24. And now at 2323 UT UT May-24 starts with IRIB's French language ID and Iranian National Anthem hymn. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Typical slopperation

** IRAN [non]. GERMANY(non), Frequency change of Sedaye Radio-ye Mehr Iran from May 23: 1630-1700 NF 15670 ISS 500 kW / 091 deg to WeAs Farsi Mon/Fri, ex 15680 to avoid China Radio International in French. Video from today, May 23:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/05/frequency-change-of-sedaye-radio-ye.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** IRAQ. Crossing around 2100 km or 1300 miles on 23 May were heard here: Islam program in Arabic, 1020-1040 on FM 92.7, featuring ID at 1028 "Ida`atu Jumhuriya Iraq Koran...." (registered transmitter is in Samawa near Baghdad); Phone calls and talks with listeners in Arabic, 1025-1045 on FM 93.6 and at 1038 ID was " Ida`atu Iraq... Lor.. Nor" (registered as is in Karbala near Baghdad), heard with portable receiver Sony ICF7600SW (made in 2001) and telescopic antenna (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, 27 May, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. Re: ```UNIDENTIFIED. 8785-USB, May 13 at 1151, Japanese OM talking: sounds like a broadcast, not a traffic list. Perhaps marine weather. Stops at 1156; back briefly at 1158 maybe attempting a contact. From 1200, ACI from WLO/KLB on 8788 but only for brief ID info at hourtop. Searching various utility resources on 8785 gets very

few hits. From UDXF yg:

``8.785,00 JC.. - ..... J GYOGYO RADIO J3E/USB 29-nov 2210 NW/WX JAP - 2011, Bruno Casula``

Searching on ``Gyogyo Radio`` gets ONE hit to this page,
http://www.pg9hf.nl/pdf/Util_J.pdf
which lists numerous Gyogyo stations in Japan, with callsigns and locations but no frequencies. Gyogyo clearly is not a place itself. Googling around, it seems that the word has something to do with fishery. Could be just news from home for the extensive oceanic fishing fleet. How about specific info from Japan on this station? Callsign, agency and location? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1721, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

8785-USB, May 16 at 1140, again the Gyogyo station in Japanese, not so good as May 13 and with ACI from another SSB 2 or 3 kHz on the low side. Still waiting for further info on exactly what this is (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``` And here it is! Tnx, Takahito (gh)

Japanese fishery radio station on 8785 kHz USB, reported in DXLD 14-20, is Aburatsu Fishery Radio Station, in Miyazaki prefecture, Kyushu, giving fish haul information of each fishery ship on the sea along the coast.
Address: Shimokata 2361-1, Nichinan City, Miyazaki pref., 889-3143 Japan
Call Sign: JFP
Telephone: +81 987 27 1151
Location: 33.33N 131.23E
Power: 500 Watts (using 18 frequencies on SSB)
BTW there are other Japanese fishery radio stations using the same frequency --- such as Itoman, Okinawa and Kagoshima (Takahito Akabayashi, Tokyo, Japan, May 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

More about JFP, Gyogyo fishery station I heard on 8785-USB:

``Hello, Glenn. Last week, I sent you some information regarding the Japanese fisheries network on 8785 kHz, including a link to a PDF where one can find a complete directory to these stations, with callsigns, locations, wattage, and agencies responsible. Unfortunately, you may not have received it, so I'm sending it again. The entire Gyogyo Musen network is listed in several pages at:
http://www.tele.soumu.go.jp/resource/j/material/dwn/06.pdf

In that document, there are five listings for 8785 kHz, all USB (J3E):
JFR and JFR2, Institute of Fisheries, Nagasaki, each with 250 W
JFP, Fisheries Cooperative Federation, Miyazaki, 500 W

JFX, Radio Fisheries Cooperative, Kagoshima, 500 W
JFE, Fisheries Institute, Okinawa, 400 W
These listings are valid through December 31, 2014.

One can translate the entire PDF automatically using Google, but the resulting HTML output renders columns and headings out of line, and basically illegible. Therefore, it would be better to submit to Google directly from the PDF, place by place or station by station.

I've also logged 8761, which is also listed for these four locations, though much weaker than 8785, transmitting different material, not in parallel. I'll try to dedicate some time to DXing the entire network using that PDF, and I'll let you know what I hear. My QTH is Seoul.

As an aside to you, Glenn, I remember waiting eagerly each to hear your reports on RCI when I was in my teens, and I remember World of Radio in its early years, so it is very interesting to finally have something to contribute to your years of effort! Best regards and 73, John Grimmett``

Thanks, John! Lots and lots of frequencies from <2 to 27 MHz bands. In order to sort out which is which on 8785, there needs to be a time rotation schedule somewhere in the 59-page pdf and maybe there is. JFP is only on page 3 per search (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, Glenn. Thank you for that info. I sat on the frequency for a while yesterday evening here, Monday May 26, and heard one of the stations starting at 1210, QRT at 1226 UT. What I'm hearing with my fledgling apartment antennas might be Miyazaki, but it could also be Nagasaki, which is on the northwest side of Kyushu and includes the fishing grounds in the Korea strait, with Tsushima island.

These stations seem quite autonomous, actually, and my guess is that they are funded at each location, though with input from the government. The fisheries network goes back decades, as well.

But yes, I wouldn't be able to confirm location without a schedule from either of these stations. So far, I've seen websites--blogs, really--for Okinawa, Nagasaki, and Tsushima. Okinawa includes a full schedule from a few years ago. I'll try to locate that again and send it to you.

This network will be an occasional but continuing interest for me, as I'm venturing more and more into ham and getting a license. In line with that goal, my main interest these days is in getting something out of the antennas I can put up.

BTW, I also have an FRG-7 at my family home in the States. Oh, how I miss it! I'll retrieve that someday :-(73 (John Grimmett, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. NHK World - R. Japan started urgently special broadcast in Japanese for a Japanese resident in Thailand since May 23 at 0700 UT.
0900-1700 11815
1700-1900 7225
1900-2100 9560
2100-0100 13680
0100-0500 17810
0500-0800 17585
0800-0900 13650
(S. Hasegawa, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Many of these already in use, but extended to fill in gaps for 24-hour service. Also saw a report somewhere that the real reason was the coup blocking NHK TV in Thailand (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 6135, Shiokaze. May 22 mixing with white noise jamming against Voice of Freedom. As it was Thursday, was in English at 1333 "Today's Newsflash"; several IDs; "Today's News on North Korea Issues." Attached audio clip of what the jamming sounded like (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldy via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. UZBEKISTAN, Frequency change of Voice of Martyrs from May 22: 1600-1730 NF 7525 TAC 100 kW / 065 deg to KRE Korean, ex 7510. Video from May 23
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/05/frequency-change-of-voice-of-martyrs_23.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

7525, V Martyrs, 1636 23/5 in Korean with music. Many mentions however for Iran (or at least that can mean something other?) Video here
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94r3bW47ASs
(Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The one which keeps changing frequencies around there + 2 x harmonix (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

QSL: CLANDESTINE: Voice of the Martyrs, 7515, Email confirmation for my Email, Reply in 2 days. V/s : Pastor Tim Dillmuth. Personal Email: tdillmuth @ seoulusa.org (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 6135, Voice of Freedom, 1133 and subsequent checking through 1505, May 22. Totally covered by white noise jamming; the same

type as used against KBS Hanminjok Bangsong 1 on 6015. Impossible to make out any VOF programming. We can now only hope for periods when the jamming is off, as occasionally happens on 6015. The recent good reception was great while it lasted! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. Voice of Freedom, Korea --- Hi Glenn, I don't know if you remember. My name is Jamie, I am a Shortwave Engineer. Glenn, I am working in South Korea, building the Voice of Freedom transmitters. I was pleased to see some reports trickling in. Here's a little background:

I have one transmitter on at 5 Kilowatts, into a Log Periodic Array oriented about +10 degrees. I am currently wiring the cabinets for Transmitter #2. I'm awaiting the arrival of some capacitors to upgrade the De-Coupling in both transmitters, then I will finish up the protection circuits so I can increase power to 10 Kilowatts.

This has been a bit of a rough job, as the transmitters are literally being designed and built on-site. I've been here since April 26th. I miss Michele, and the kids. Probably will be here until mid-June. Fantastic country, wonderful people.

The design for this transmitter is all solid state. Quantity of 80 Push-Pull, class D/E, RF amplifiers in 1 kilowatt blocks. Pulse Width Modulation.

I have signed a security agreement not to take pictures due to the sensitive location, so I can't share any photos.

For those who were receiving us around May 11/12 period, believe it or not we were only on with 1 kilowatt!!

I know we are getting our "clock cleaned" by jammers from the north. It started out with just a "dash", C.W. jammer. However, now it is a tactical Multi-Pulse jammer.

Well, it must mean we are being heard in the target area. I don't imagine they would waste a powerful resource like that on an ineffectual signal.

Every now and then, when they stop feeding programming to me during tests, I get to put on some Led Zepplin, or other eh, stimulating material, but not too often.

However, someone may have noticed a Pop Dance song repeating over and over for about 3 hours. We were trying to solve an R.F.I. problem in

the nearby village and at a local church. The program feed was off, and we needed some "dense" modulating material to see worse case interference in the church P.A. system (Still haven't completely solved the problem).

Please keep the reports coming. Our target area is in a "northerly direction". The antenna gives about 8 dB gain. We are about 35 kW Effective Radiated Power to the north. Best Regards (Jamie La Badia, May 24, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Great to hear from you again! Thanks for all the info about the 6135 station. See DXLD 10-05 under VANUATU and LIBERIA, for previous SW projects. I wonder what others you may have been involved with in the meantime? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6135, Voice of Freedom, 1010, May 27. Since May 22, VOF has been daily covered by strong white noise jamming; occasionally the VOF transmitter can cut through the noise to be somewhat heard; today definitely heard the theme music for "How How English" (that is what it sounds like, but as Glenn has pointed out, the Chinese word "Hao" sounds about the same, meaning good); language lesson for "I'll . . I will"; at 1013 same theme music again and usual simple song incorporating the new words learned in today's lesson; certainly not the best of receptions with the ever present white noise jamming, but is semi-readable (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 15575, May 25 at 1308, KBSWR in English sounds normal, report about a prosecutor in the ferry disaster story, outro as ``hot topix making news in Korea``, 1310 into K-pop, despite reports of severe disruptions at KBS due to strikes against management, maybe primarily concerning TV? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
see also BULGARIA

Problemas gremiales afectan a la gigante KBS World Radio
by gruporadioescuchaargentino
[gremial == pertaining to labor unions]

Dos sindicatos laborales de la emisora m·s grande de Corea del Sur, KBS, comenzaron una votaciÛn para decidir si llevar a cabo o no una huelga general, para pedir la dimisiÛn del jefe de la compaÒÌa.

Los periodistas de la KBS han estado boicoteando la producciÛn de noticias desde el lunes, demandando la renuncia del presidente de la emisora, Gil Hwan-young, por interferir, supuestamente, en la cobertura de noticias en favor del Gobierno.

Los sindicatos, de unos 2.500 y 1.200 miembros, respectivamente,

dijeron que llevar·n a cabo la votaciÛn hasta el prÛximo martes y el viernes, respectivamente.

Gil se negÛ a dimitir una vez m·s, lo que indica que la crisis podrÌa prolongarse.

"No dimitirÈ nunca, cediendo a una instigaciÛn con motivaciÛn polÌtica", dijo Gil en un comunicado emitido en directo por el sistema de radioteledifusiÛn dentro de la empresa, prometiendo tratar con severidad cualquier "huelga ilegal" por parte de los sindicalistas.

Gil fue criticado despuÈs de que Kim Si-gon, exjefe de la divisiÛn de noticias de la KBS, revelara, la semana pasada, que Gil cediÛ a la presiÛn de la Oficina del Presidente para producir informes de prensa favorables a la AdministraciÛn Park Geun-hye, en particular al cubrir el desastre del ferri Sewol del mes pasado.

Kim dijo que los funcionarios de Cheong Wa Dae le han presionado de forma reiterada para producir noticias favorables al Gobierno, mientras que Gil tambiÈn le ha ordenado directamente que elimine o aÒada determinadas noticias.

Kim dijo que Cheong Wa Dae tambiÈn le presionÛ para que se abstenga de transmitir noticias que critiquen a la Guardia Costera, que est· en el centro de las crÌticas p˙blicas por su fallido intento de rescate tras el naufragio del ferri, el 16 de abril. El accidente, uno de los peores desastres marÌtimos de Corea del Sur, dejÛ m·s de 300 personas muertas o desaparecidas.

En la conferencia de prensa del lunes, el presidente de la KBS rechazÛ las acusaciones, diciendo que no tiene planes de renunciar. La negativa hizo que los periodistas de la emisora prorroguen indefinidamente su boicot, previsto inicialmente sÛlo para el lunes. La mayorÌa de los programas de noticias de la emisora ya se han acortado o cancelado.

Aumentando la presiÛn sobre el presidente, unos 250 empleados de alto rango de la emisora renunciaron en masa a sus puestos, mientras que 14 presentadores de noticias y 24 corresponsales extranjeros se unieron al boicot.

Se teme que el boicot afecte pronto a otros programas de televisiÛn y radio de la emisora, puesto que una asociaciÛn de productores de la KBS ya se comprometiÛ a negarse a trabajar en protesta.

Mientras tanto, la junta de la KBS tiene previsto decidir si debe o no poner a discusiÛn una peticiÛn de cuatro miembros para expulsar a Gil.

Los miembros de la junta que representan al principal partido de la oposiciÛn, Nueva Alianza PolÌtica para la Democracia, presentaron la solicitud el lunes, argumentando que Gil se ha entrometido con frecuencia en la cobertura de noticias de la emisora, socavando la equidad y autonomÌa del periodismo de radioteledifusiÛn (Yonhap via GRA blog May 24 via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non]. Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish at 1459 May 24, change of transmitter from Grigoriopol to Issoudun:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGlLjTDzdhI
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. 17550, May 24 at 2027, R. Kuwait Arabic service is in English as I tune in! Crossed feeds? No, it`s just a clip of dialogue from a movie (? with some music), ``I stopped caring --- we`re not causing cancer, ya know,`` etc. 2028 back to YL in Arabic (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. It looks like World Christian Broadcasting (KNLS) has gotten Madagascar government approval to ship their SW transmitter to their installation-in-progress in Madagascar. This is reported in the "Ask WWCR covers NASB 2014" item (May 24, 2014) at <http://www.drmna.info/> It's at 2:00 m/s in (Jerry Berg-MA-USA, DXplorer May 26 via BC-DX May 29 via DXLD)

Another hint: "[...] If you have read or heard about signs of progress in Madagascar recently, you know that God is answering our prayers. When we begin reaching out to Africa through the airwaves, we will rely on African partners such as Machona and Charles to contact our listeners and help them to learn more. WE definitely intend to listen to our partners as much as we speak. May the Lord bless our partnership."

found at
<http://www.worldchristian.org/Languages/Africa/af_whatsgoingon.php>
(Harald Kuhl-D, DXplorer May 26, ibid.)

WCBC Mahajanga, der Ableger von KNLS fuer NoEaAF, NE/ME bis nach PAK/AFG. Jetzt kommt Bewegung in die Lieferung und Transport der 3 x 100 kW Sender nach Madagascar. Seit vergangenen Freitag hat man die Genehmigung die Sender ins Land zu importieren.

Die Station, TX Haus und Antennen stehen seit 3 Jahren fix und fertig errichtet dort herum, aber die Continental Sender hat man bisher nicht ins Land gelassen. Der Communication Minister von Madagascar scheint die Evangelen in ihrem Missionseifer in die Muslimwelt bisher behindert zu haben.

MADAGASCAR UPDATE - Page 3, By Charles Caudill. "Madagascar has a new president. His name is Hery Rajaonarimampianina." "As you can imagine, the Minister of Communications is one of the people we have been most critical of since 2009." ...

Aus dem Jahr 2013:
"The Continental 100 kW transmitters are sitting in crates in Houston waiting for shipment to Madagascar as soon as approval is granted.

7 Mill. $ Project seit 2006.
MDG_WCBC Mahajanga 3x100 kW, 3 antennas 25/265/325degr
15 43 38.40 S 46 26 45.22 E

<http://binged.it/1tdAaV5>

(ich sehe zwar nur 3 Vorhaenge, aber auch Schielung ist moeglich, wb.)

May 2010:
3x100 kW SW txs, 4 antennas target are visible on the map at
45deg (IND)
21deg (PAK, AFG, TJK, UZB, KGZ, KAZ)
265deg (GAB, COD, COG, AGL, TZA, ZMB, MWI, ZWE, MOZ, NMB, AFS, BOT, LSO, SWZ)
358deg (SOM, YEM, ARS, ISR, JOR, SYR, KWT, UAE, IRQ, ARM, GEO, RUS)
330deg (KEN, TZA, UGA, ETH, SDN, LBY, EGY, TUN)

New religious Madagascar station MWV registered test schedule from February 1st, 2012, of WCBC organisation at Mahajanga, Madagascar 3 x 100 kW shortwave transmitter, 3 curtain antennas on 4 masts, at 265/325/025 degrees azimuth (Wolfgang B¸schel, BCDX May 29 via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. 7295, Traxx FM via RTM in English at 1118 on May 26; gave detailed traffic info for KL; ID and into pop songs.

Radio Klasik (5964.69) and Sarawak FM (9835) remain silent through May 27 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

May 28 found the return of Sarawak FM on 9835, after a considerable absence. Noted from 1221 to 1328 with fair reception and some ACI. Clearly RTM has fixed the "issues with the transformer of the transmitter and the antenna system," that Amiruddin Jemaat mentioned in his email to me. Very nice! Radio Klasik (5964.69) still silent (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Informed Amiruddin at RTM (Amiruddin Bin Jemaat <amiruddinj @ rtm.gov.my> that I was happy to report that Sarawak FM was back on SW

again today with a good signal. His response:

``:) Hi Ron... Glad to hear that. Thank you so much for your support and time. This could happen thanks to the maintenance team too. Feel free to e-mail us if there is any issue regarding our SW transmission. Hope you enjoy our programmes from Malaysia :)
Sekian, terima kasih...
Amiruddin Jemaat
RTM Kajang`` (Ron Howard, May 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)
Please also see SARAWAK [non].

** MEXICO. Another sporadic E analog opening May 24, all times UT:

2033 on channel A2, something briefly peaking from the southwest. Nothing more until:

2218 on 2, some CCI; just as a storm with lightning noise is approaching us from the south, but then skirts us

2224 on 2, finally opening up fully with +v logo on full screen, and M¡SVISION, then novela, only bug visible being digital 24-hour clock in upper right, 17:24. This is XEWO-TV, Guadalajara, Jalisco

2237 on 2, Gala TV swirl bug in UR

2256 on 2, Azteca 7 bug in UR during drama

2257 on 2, apparent specific ID appears briefly to the left of constant Az-7 bug in tiny white type; suspect XHTAU in Tampico, Tamaulipas, but can`t read it for sure

2302 on 2, CCI from Televisa 2 with star bug; ATM large letters appear on screen, show title?

2315 on 3, algo

2337 on 4, plus/minus CCI narrow beat bars from two stations offset 20 kHz, one with music, other with sports, maybe tennis? One with bug in UR reading TVM-something. The rest cut off too far in the corner (whose bright idea was it to make analog TV screens overscan? God forbid there should be any black borders visible)

2345 on 3, // 4, with large letters PM in box center-screen

2348 on 4, again seeing the TVM- bug in UR. Danny Oglethorpe`s local logos reference
http://tvdxtips.com/mexlogosch4.html
IDs these as TVMAS in the state educational network in Veracruz:

4 is XHGV in Las Lajas,
3 is XHCBD in Orizaba

2356 on 3, novela with Televisa net-5 bug in LR

2356 on 87.75, channel 6 audio bits fade in, but nothing more on FM;
2357 some video on 6

2357 on 4, net-5 bug in LR

2358 on 5, novela? with CCI, bug in LR matches highly stylized script
V with a T cross on it, as illustrated at bottom of
http://tvdxtips.com/mexlogosch5.html
i.e. TeleVer, XHAJ in Las Lajas, Veracruz

UT May 25:

0002 on 4, TVMAS bug in LR again

0003 on 6, Azteca 7 bug in UR

0004 on 5, Cantinflas B&W movie, think it goes with Televisa 2 star
bug in LR

0007 on 5, Televisa 5 bug in LR with novela, also 0014

0014 on 2, Televisa Mundial promo, CCI

0017 on 4, puppets on a table with somebody`s hands manipulating them
from above; TVMAS bug in UR, and now I can also see the 3-D cubes logo
to the left of it, with multi-colored facets, as in
http://www.tvmas.mx where the show scheduled now is `Artes EscÈnicas`.
There was also a sports show before 0000 as I was seeing.

0022 on 4, audibly and crawler visibly plugging national toll-free
number 01-800-600-7000, still TVMAS, I think

0033 on 2, Box Azteca promo

0045 the MUF has fallen, now mostly CCI on 2, also at 0056. Hoping the
opening is about over, I head out to the porch for my favorite hour of
SW monitoring

0200 resuming TV, still DX from algo on 2 and 4

0258 on 2, fade in from algo

Not much TV checked until next morning, when Es is already rampant

again:

1401 on 2, 3, 4, Es CCI with antenna south

1406 on 2, Azteca 7 bug in LR, news show? Lots of grafix; XHTAU?

1410 on 2, quiz? show with large 1, 2, 3 in circles on podium, then replaced by 1, X, 3

1428 on 4, animation from Televisa net 5

1427 on 5, algo

1446 on 2, Televisa-2 star bug in UR

1512 on 4, Spongebob from Televisa 5 net bug in LR

1545 on 4, lucha libre, bug in LR with generic Televisa orange oval, Deportes under it

1559 on 5, MARTIN Detective privado animation title, probably net-5

This morning it`s mostly a Mexi-mess of CCI on all channels 2 thru 5, still going at 1615 as I finish this report.

Sporadic E TV DX continues on Sunday, May 25, all times UT, all channels A-system NTSC analog!

1712 on 4, Azteca 13 bug upper-right, variety show

1718 on 4, still A-13, but plug for their other network with ``Info 7``; 13 show keeps flashing ``hot 13``, apparently about attractive women, again at 1749. Suspect XHHSS-TV, 100 kW, Hermosillo. Distance 1469/913/793 in km/statute miles/nautical miles.

1752 on 2, TVKIDZ, show or segment? About soccer too

1753 on 2, TELEACTIVA bug in UR = XEFB-TV, Monterrey NL, in CCI Distance 1214/755/656

1815 on 3, Televisa 5 bug in LR

1816 on 2, Televisa 5 bug in LR; US sitcom/movie with John Laroquette

1858 on 4, Azteca 13 bug in UR; good video, no sound, MUF between

1858 on 5, Azteca 13, same video only as on 4, weaker, fadeout

1915 on 2, CCI, but most signals are out

1930 on 4, algo

Then I take a break from TV and find that FM is open even tho nothing on ch 5 or 6 TV, but from somewhere else with no analog TV: see U S A, starting with 93.5 Aspen CO; also got DTV from SD, and FM from as far as Manitoba and Ontario.

Another Es opening from Mexico, May 26, UT, so rotate antenna still on north for Canada back to south:

1615 on 2, fade-in with f bug in LR - Televisa net-4; talking about bÈisbol, reviewing games? Et al.

1615 on 3, audio mentions ``ciudad de Puebla`` so probably really XHP, 100 kW. Distance: 1932/1201/1033

1616 on 4, studio variety show

1619 on 5, Spanish, CCI to cable leakage of analog KOCO-5

1624 on 4, variety show with girls being interviewed; red bug in UR may contain a 4, mostly off-screen; can`t find a match at http://tvdxtips.com/mexlogosch4.html

1633 on 4, animation, Televisa-5 bug LR; TUFF title

1656 on 4, weak with net-5 bug LR

1700 on 2, audio mentions Grupo PacÌfico but they have three stations on channel 2, two XHI`s in Ciudad ObregÛn, Sonora, and Los Mochis, Sinaloa; and XHQ in Guamuchil, Sinaloa. For discussion of this very confusing setup, see http://tvdxtips.com/mexlogosch2.html

[lunch break, etc.]

1814 on 3, animation, Televisa-5 bug LR

1816 on 5, novela in ranchera setting; Televisa-2 star bug LR

1839 on 5, still MUF up to here with algo; best signal on 2

1844 on 2, promo Laura show on Televisa 2, star bug

2022 on 4, talk show, Azteca-13 bug UR; not much CCI for a change

2022 on 2, Televisa 9 Gala swirl bug in LR, novela; both 2 and 4 snow-free. This pair is typical of Hermosillo, Sonora. 2 being XHHMA-TV, 30 kW. Distance 1469/913/793.

2027 on 4, additional bug in upper left for a few seconds, NUEVA something; part of ID? Probably still Hermosillo

2046 on 2, Grupo PacÌfico bug in UR. It`s an italic 2 in an oval, also with seagull wings you can`t really make out on the screen. Still about bÈisbol.

2055 on 2, heavy CCI on this channel only

2102 on 4, `Laura` show as she rants about ``delitos de los niÒos``, Televisa 2 star bug LR

2127 on 2, drama, with XHENT ENSENADA BC bug in UR; has some same-offset CCI. 50 kW, distance 1794/1114/968

2140 on 3, XHBC Mexicali with local news, snow-free. Bugs: bold N in a square at lower left; time and temp in lower right: 14:40 38oC and below the temp very small: Mxli (as if the city were 1041 in Roman numerals). The blue square XHBC bug I described before is not on screen now. Fadeout before 2200, but back at 2209 now with the blue square XHBC bug in LR. 100 kw, distance 1663/1033/898

Again no sign of XHAQ 5 from Mexicali, maybe only on DTV 28 now.

2220 on 3, Televisa M˙sica promo; now with Televisa-4 `f` bug in LR; could still be XHBC after program source change. Opening peters out.

Small Es opening May 27 from 1608 UT: channel 2, ``Hola Ju·rez`` graphic and the ``j`` logo of XEPM; phone number for live call-in at bottom: ``comunÌcate a 888-10 00 y ----`` another not copied. Studio talk show. Also at best fade-ins, bug in UR from tu canal with clock below it, 10:12:06 onward; fade out around 1620. 100 kw; Distance: in km/statute miles/nautical miles: 947/588/511
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 89.1 MHz, XHCAO, La Lupe, Reynosa, Tamaulipas. 1642 May 26, 2014. "... por la sabor... es la Lupe" into ads. A nice E-skip opening to Mexico, thanks Craig Cook tip.

89.3, XHFF, La NorteÒa, Matehuala, San Luis PotosÌ. 1600 May 26, 2014. All logged on the more sensitive GE Superadio III with the ICF-7600GR as a frequency tracker. Ads, one of those Gobierno de la Rep˙blica PSA or whatever things, listener calls taken, slogan at 1608.

96.5, XHMSN, DominiÛn FM, Monterrey, Nuevo LeÛn. 1628 May 26, 2014. "DominiÛn FM, pasiÛn por informaciÛn" into ads. Huge signal.

102.9, XHMG, Digital 102-9, Monterrey, Nuevo LeÛn. 1631 May 26, 2014. URL ending in .mx, ads including one for a farmacia, Gobierno de la Rep˙blica thing, slogan into Spanish Modern/Alternative rock (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, VHF/UHF handhelds etc. unless otherwise indicated, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 7344.992, Slight odd frequency of Pwo Kayin Thazin Radio Regional Service from Pyin U Lwin, Myanmar site. Endless Burmese male announcer talk heard at 0955 UT May 22, logged in Nara and Tokyo, Japan. S=5 only poor -100dBm signal strength.

Suffered by ute digital signal on 7345.5 to 7348.2 kHz range, so I had to notch / suppress the upper side bandwidth signal on Perseus window.

9730.0, Myanmar, R Rangoon, Burmese service, phone interview of female announcer at 1046 UT May 22. S=7-8 or -79dBm strength downunder in Australia rx unit (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9730.0, Myanmar Radio on Monday, May 26 at 1046 with the end of the ABC/Radio Australia's "Lesson 22 - Dealing with a Situation"; "The guest in room 22 would like to speak with you." Seems they somehow skipped lesson 21? Mondays show is about a half hour earlier than the Wednesday edition of the same repeat show.

Would indeed be ironic if SWLers in the future could only hear Radio Australia's programming via SW on Myanmar Radio! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSL: Myanmar Radio, 5985, f/d QSL card via registered mail after F/up. V/s: Director Radio BC. Myanmar Radio TV, after F/up Reply 1 year. Myanmar Radio & Television, 426 Pyay Road, Kamayut-11041, Myanmar. Info WEB: http://www.mrtv.gov.mm (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 9925, May 25 after 0000, The Mighty KBC weekly broadcast via Nauen, GERMANY, once again in the clear, as WTWW has resumed moving to 5085 at the same time instead of staying on 9930 two more hours. At 0121, KBC is very strong and splashing up to 10 kHz away, so a station on 9930 would also have suffered.

0149, Kraig Krist`s `Forgotten Song` segment, something from Duran2 in April 1993, but didn`t catch the title; given only once? 0153, Uncle Eric greeting a list of listeners, many familiar names, including Nick

Rumple who seems to have quit posting his log reports (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. 6160, Canada, CKZN, St. Johnís 0740, to 0800 "Whatever the news "..." proceed to programme with number of employees" 19 May (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. QSL: Taupo Maritime Radio, 6224, V/s: Peter Baird. Reply with F/d Email letter, booklet pdf, Reply in 4 days. Email: maritime @ kordia.co.nz (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NICARAGUA. 8989-USB, "El Pescador Preacher" 2345 to 2348 Preacher mixing with high noise level 19 May (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. R. Kaduna (presumed), 6089.8, "Nigeria" heard at 1850, fair with reasonable audio. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, May 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6089.9, Kaduna, 2203 26/5, with talks in Hausa and with Arabic words
There is a audio clip here
http://www.ipernity.com/doc/zliangas/32916139
(Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria, 1655-1727, 9690, WAf languages, good modulation, closing here at 1727 after some silence and without Int. Signal, Arabic Service did not start at 1730 at 15120, but English heard later, DRM already on at 1758. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, May 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Observations of Voice of Nigeria on Sat May 24 with 13 videos. Low modulation, different languages, instead of scheduled and much more:
0500-0700 on 15120 IKO 250 kW / 007 deg to NoAf English
0700-0800 on 15120 IKO 250 kW / 007 deg to NoAf French
1600-1630 on 11770 IKO 250 kW / 248 deg to CeAf Swahili
1630-1700 on 9690 IKO 250 kW / 248 deg to CeAf Yoruba
1700-1730 on 9690 IKO 250 kW / 248 deg to CeAf Igbo
1730-1800 on 15120 IKO 250 kW / 007 deg to NoAf Arabic
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/05/observations-of-voice-of-nigeria-on-sat.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

No signal on Sun May 25 at 1700-1730 UT. Probably 1830-2000 UT 15120 kHz Abuja 250 kW deg NoAF English in DRM mode, S=9+30dB or -42dBm strength. 1845 UT May 25.

11769.903 kHz S=7 or -84dBm signal strength in southern Germany.
2100-2200 11770 IKO 250 kW 248 deg to WeAF Hausa
noted at 2104 UT May 25, little bit low-modulated. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15120 DRM, Voice of Nigeria, Abuja, 25-May-14, 1445-1459* - Bonds of Harmony program, sign-off announcement at 1458 and transmitter off at 1459*. Perfect decode, but audio leaves a bit to be desired compared to other DRM broadcasters. The center frequency of the DRM signal was actually closer to 15,119.8 kHz.

I have posted a brief audio clip of the last few minutes of the broadcast on my web site at: http://swldx.us/blog/?p=990

73, (Brandon Jordan, Fayette County, TN,
WinRadio G33DDC, WinRadio G313-e, RFSpace SDR-IQ, Icom R75, Eton E1
DX Engineering NCC-1 Phased Dual Active Verticals
Array Solutions AS-SAL-12 Shared Apex Loop
Array Solutions AS-SAL-30 Shared Apex Loop
May 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15120, V of Nigeria (presumed Ikorodu, on even frequency and with typical acoustic atrocities) this morning, May 26, with strong but slightly distorted audio, News from Lagos at 0600, later music, programme musical heritage, and more music again, Now at 0730, french did not yet start.

Very interesting to note Brandon Jordan`s DRM log for -1459* (thanks for the clip also), and again at this occasion that it seems to be on odd frequency, similar to the evening transmissions in Hausa that ID as VON Abuja. On May 25 as well as May 23 DRM was there already at 1800, also other days noted before 1830 at least, or on other occasion starting much later, so the widely-listed "scheduled" sign-on 1830 seems to be outdated. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, May 26, ibid.)

15120.000, V of Nigeria, probably via Abuja even frequency towards NoAF/CeAF/EUR noted on S=8-9 -74dBm level in Europe, and S=7 or -85dBm in NY-USA. 0545-0800 UT, checked at 0650 to 0705, May 26. In AM mode of course (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Was it that obvious? ;-) Scrolling through a few message boards, just happened to bring up this:

**** Oct 14: ``So this is the state of Liquid Radio at the moment. As many of you know, the website URL leads to this page, as site hosting was becoming too expensive. This of course makes the link for our Saturday night simulcasts hard to find. This is only temporary, as

there is a search going on for a cheaper space provider. The FM signal is still in the process of improvement. The antenna and masting work are complete, but there is still improvements to be done with the transmitter. Unfortunately doing the job right, takes time. Eventually there will be a website and the FM signal will be functioning at full power again.``

Mentioned elsewhere several times is 97.7 as the FM frequency --- that should make Liquid`s location pretty obvious to anyone who can hear it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)****

It's pretty obvious to us where we're located too! :-) You're right, it's not that hard to figure out. The real question however, where is the signal actually coming from? It could be one of three transmitters, located in different parts of the country. Or all three may on the air at the same time. :-) (Liquid Radio, May 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6875.7-AM, May 23 at 0146 weak pirate music in QRN. Joe Farley IDed it on the Free Radio CafÈ forum: ``TCS via TCSRN 6876 AM 0131 UTC 23May14`` past 0240, i.e. The Crystal Ship via TCS relay network (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The TCS-Shortwave Relay Network is expected on the air this evening, starting sometime after 0100 UTC, on 6876 kHz AM, with 'The 80s Sound'.

As always, loggings to Free Radio CafÈ would be much appreciated (link below), and loggings with adequate detail (times and some kind of program details) will be eQSLed with an '80s Sound' special edition eQSL.

The word is, "relay #4" is testing a new antenna and mode of operation tonight, so details on reception quality will be appreciated. Full reception reports and/or audio clips can be sent to this address as always.

New Registrations are open and easy now at Free Radio CafÈ, if you aren't yet a member-- just answer the anti-spambot question when asked, the answer is "TCS".

Hope everyone has a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend,
73s and FIGHT for FREE RADIO!

John Poet
The Crystal Ship /TCS Shortwave Relay Network
http://www.tcsshortwave.com

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The Free Radio Weekly: A weekly Email publication with the most current pirate loggings and information now being published anywhere! Send your free subscription requests to freeradioweekly@gmail.com and tell 'em that we sent ya! (TCS mailing list May 25 via dxldyg via DXLD)

Not heard thru 0125 chex, but later see reports of it (gh, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6925-USB, May 24 at 0105, pirate music on raucous instruments; 0116 and 0129 IDs spoken slowly as XLR8 to distinguish it, I guess, from ``accelerate`` but mostly music; fair in sprummer noise level (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. UNIDs: Old Time Radio Shows, 6772 AM, 2325-2335+, 05-18-14 This station that plays old radio shows was back again with "The Life Of Riley". [Lobdell-MA]

Old Time Radio Shows, 6880v AM, 0312-0430+, 05-22-14 Station now here with "Abbott & Costello", Camel cigarettes AD. Also heard from 0100-0500+ on 5-23-14 (Chris Lobdell, Stoneham MA, FRW May 24 via DXLD)

6880 AM / 0303-0402+ UT / MAY 22. Sounded like what may have been a comedy routine with 2 men and 1 woman. Later a male singer with orchestral backup. Weak signal barely heard in heavy static. Possibly Old Time Radio Broadcast Station (John Sedlacek, NE, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, I'm not sure if you've heard about the station that has been playing old time radio shows, generally around 6772 kHz or so, often for hours at a time? It's on 6771 now at 2106z. It looks like the first logging was on May 18th. Here are the logged transmissions so far:
http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,17128.0.html
http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,17113.0.html
http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,17102.0.html
http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,17095.0.html
http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,17099.0.html
http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,17085.0.html
http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,17079.0.html
http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,17058.0.html

It certainly has the feel of a pirate, but the choice of frequencies does seem curious. I've observed it being on for over 6 hours at a time, which seems to be inviting The Knock. Any ideas? 73 (Chris Smolinski, HF Underground http://www.hfunderground.com
May 24, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

Hi Chris, I haven`t heard it on any of the 6 MHz frequencies, but I keep wondering if it`s the same one I have reported thrice on 13560+. That would be 2 x 6780+ if that was ever a fundamental. Looking thru the posts (not sure I saw all of them) I don`t see anyone referring to that or to the webcast ID I heard from the 1920s Radio Network out of WHRO in Virginia. Should compare the programming to their schedule. They also have a separate mostly-music channel. 13560 was also pointed out to be a part 15 RF ID frequency which may be some connexion. 73, (Glenn to Chris, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, To my knowledge, no one has ever reported an ID of any sort from this station. I've listened to it for several hours straight, and haven't heard anything other than the programming. Previously I believe it has been exclusively old time radio shows, but today (assuming it is the same station, and I believe it is) they are running non stop music. It's been on since before 1958z today, and is still going strong as I type this.

6771 kHz is still going, running news at 1200z. This has been on continuously for a few days now. So I am pretty sure it is not a pirate, but I don't know what it is, either. The news ended at 1206, and back into elevator music (Chris Smolinski, Black Cat Systems http://www.blackcatsystems.com 1209 UT May 28, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. Inadvertently came upon Voice of YHWH last weekend on 14350 around 0200 UT. Didn't log it because I thought it may have been another obsequious outlet for the Brother Stair shortwave broadcasting empire. U.S. shortwave stations apparently are predominated by two types of broadcasts: Christian evangelists and "patriot" programming. Thank-you pirate radio for some radio diversity! (John Sedlacek, NE, FRW May 24 via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

14350 PIRATE (No. Am.) YHWH, 0040, 5/19/14. Religious pirate with man preaching from the book of Ezekiel, ID and further preaching (rather unique point of view.) Weird music, ID and 0106 off. Fair. (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus, WinRadio g313e, Eton e1, Grundig G5, Tecsun PL 660; EWE, Flextenna, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

"Radio Station YHWH" (religious pirate) on May 22. 5830-AM, just

missed the sign on; 0115 heard their starting theme music/song already in progress; into the usual program which was a repeat show; IDs at 0141 & 0151; *0200 strong sign on of WTWW rendering YHWH down to poor reception till it went off at 0218*.

7330-AM. After 5830 closed, went looking for his next broadcast; found him here at 0230 with a repeat of the earlier 5830 kHz. show; 0324 closing theme music/song and abbreviated ID; expected him to go off the air, but instead played the same theme music/song again, along with intro ID (back to back repeats of the same earlier program!); 0333 tuned out and left the beach to go home and give an alert as to his activity. After my alert Walt Salmaniw and Jim Young were both able to hear it. Thanks fellows for checking! You are so right Walt about YHWH frequently changing frequencies. Tonight was a good example of his randomness! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7330-AM, May 22 at 0402, Station YHWH barely audible in the noise level, but recognizable intonation. Would never have found it without timely tip from Ron Howard (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, Ron. Only poorly heard here in Victoria, BC tonight. Many thanks for the heads-up. I last heard them while in Masset in March. Pretty difficult to follow them, since they change frequencies just about every night! Off when rechecked by 0437 UT. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, BC, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9770-AM with station YHWH (religious pirate), but the weakest signal I have ever heard from him; mostly unusable; took me ten minutes just to be sure it was actually him at 0248; the normal strange theme music/song at closing (0335*). Another nice sunset out over the Pacific (Ron Howard, UT May 29, ibid.)

** OKLAHOMA. I stumbled upon two presumed Part 15 stations on 1610 kHz while researching something else. I've not seen these reported, granted nowhere near me:

KKRP AM 1610 - LaZer 1610, Cowlington. Bills itself as Progressive Radio Station and flagship station of the Star Com Radio Network. Facebook page: (you may have to Google it to access).
https://www.facebook.com/KKRPAM1610
(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Cowlington? Never heard of it. Pop. 137, south of Sallisaw, near Ft Smith AR, KYHN-country (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. 88.5, 2158 UT May 25, ``The Weekend 22`` program outro, and multi-station ID almost too fast to copy:
``KJTH Ponca City 89-7,
KXTH Seminole-Shawnee 89-1,
KTHF Hammon-Elk City-Clinton 89-9,
KZTH Piedmont-Oklahoma City 88-5,
KTHL Altus 89-3,
Wichita 100.1 [no call; must be K261DR]
and around the world on housefm.com``

W9WI listings at least show a lot of confusion about which station is relaying which. 89.7 Ponca is the originator of this `House` Christian rock music format to rope in gullible teens, but is sibling station to 88.7 KLVV with its separate more adult Christian network. Recorder was running for DX which could have overridden KZTH on 88.5, so FWIW:
http://www.w4uvh.net/KZTH.mp3
(Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 89.3, May 26 at 1923 UT, KIEL Loyal OK, hymn music fades up and down rather like an incompletely bulk-erased tape! See also USA FMDX log of Minnesota on 89.3, also capturing an ID from KIEL (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 94.1, May 24 at 1910 UT, I am trying to get an ID from the weak station fading in and out, when plugs for ``this afternoon at 5:20 from Radio Row, Rocklahoma``, and for Vapor-hut (sniff). That narrows it down; 1921 UT, PSA to ``Support Fort Sill families`` so that nails it: KZCD, ``Z-94`` Lawton, 35 kW at 178 meters. A bit surprising as where I am parked there is a large building in the way and this is a very marginal signal. City to city distance is 205 km, 127 statute miles, 111 nautical miles.

I came back, since I was getting something here 24 hours earlier from the same hotspot in a mall parking lot in western Enid, far enough away from the LPFM on 94.3 in northern Enid, but could not get a definite ID; there were some intriguing mentions of Fort Collins and Nebraska. At the time it looked like there could have been some tropo/scatter. Also some CCI but there are two other Okies, both closer, in Glenpool (Tulsa, 100 kW), and a translator of KTLR 890 in OKC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 107.1, KNID, North Enid. OK. May/21/14 2138 EDT. English, VG (Hello Glenn Hauser!!) Ad for "Enid Shrine Club Poker Run". Spot for "Jobs here at Chisholm Broadcasting". Gave Address on East Willow. Local Weather. ID sung out as "KNID - 107-1". Into C/W Music. 14.1 kW (Robert Ross, London ON, MARE Tipsheet 23 May via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. Recently noticed that KSBI RF 51 was displaying as 52-3

and 52-4, no 52-1 or 52-2, strange. Then May 22 at 1409 UT I find that 52-3 and 52-4 are // rather than separate programming, both with PSIP ID as KSBI-HD, and the middle section of the screen is overtaken by a black box saying ``KSBI is installing new antenna. Rescan your TV. See re-scanokc.com``. It`s hard to read on screen due to severe breakup rather than usual sufficient signal. That website is generic with basic instruxions, promoting up to 39 ``free`` TV channels if you do that.

New antenna? That`s not all: new channel! KSBI had a CP for RF 23 and now it`s on, with no breakup, remapping to 52-1 KSBI-HD and 52-2 KSBI-SD, the latter with THIS network, not Tuff as in W9WI.com

FCC TV Query shows no change in antenna coordinates, ERP 1000 kW on old and new channels. However, the new antenna is evidently much lower on the same tower, 330.7 m AAT instead of 457.9 m; will it ultimately be back up on top??

The upper-UHF stations of course are now migrating to lower channels before the upper ones are auxioned off. How does this change area DX around here? RF 23 has several translators in outlying areas which might now have a QRM problem and be forced to move: Idabel, Ponca City, Strong City, Tulsa, Weatherford. Idabel is safely in the far SE corner, but closest to OKC are Weatherford and Ponca.

RF51 will soon be open once KSBI turns off its old transmitter; unless they have already migrated too, there are numerous TX stations listed, a couple with high power; an LP in Tulsa; and a translator in Seiling OK. We assume the LP in Wichita has already turned off 51 as we`ve seen its new lower channel.

BTW, KSBI is to be applauded for more local origination programming than its major-network counterparts (altho KSBI gave up on meteorology and even news in the face of cutthroat 4-way competition already):

Notably the new `OK! TV`, weekdays at 2:30-3 pm CDT [NOT: see below]; and `Oklahoma Live!` at 4-5 pm, repeated at 4:30-5:30 am; `Wild Card`, a quiz show at 6:30-7 pm repeated at midnight --- outgrowth of high school and college-level quiz shows already for the past few years.

KSBI-TV OKC is still duplicating on two RF channels, old 51 and new 23, May 23 at 1355 UT --- but things have changed. No longer is there an overlay on 51 urging people to rescan their TVs. And no longer is there remapping to 52-3 and 52-4 from RF 51. Now both it and RF 23 remap to 51-1 and 51-2, which can cause considerable confusion unless you be sure which RF channel you are really tuned to. Furthermore, RF 23 is breaking up more than RF 51, reverse of situation yesterday. I suspect one or the other is on a lower-power backup transmitter for

the transition.

Faked me out: the new OK!tv show on KSBI, weekdays at 2:30-3 pm CT, has nothing to do with Oklahoma despite the title, and when I axually watch a bit of it May 22, is obviously not a local produxion, but yet another Entertainment Tonight clone, out of New York, blah.

KSBI moving downband also raises the question of KOPX ``62`` now on RF 50. Surely they will need to find a lower channel too, but checking FCC TV Query, there is no CP yet for anywhere else. BTW, this and I assume many if not most other Ion TV stations added more subchannels some months ago, the three big shopping networks primarily on cable, as -4, -5, and -6 (except where some of them already have on-air transmitters?) There is absolutely no local origination from Ion except for legal IDs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. RF 31 & 32, KXOK-LD in Enid, May 22 at 1645 UT, still running nothing but infomercials (apparently), and still with no sound! What a sorry excuse for a TV station. And still same situation on non-Spanish subchannels (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15355, May 24 at 0118, fair-good signal with Arabic talk and music, obviously R. Sultanate of Oman once again having failed to QSY to 9500 at 0000 where there is nothing (nor anything on 15140 now, which sometimes is heard after 0100 instead).

9500, May 25 at 0123, Arabic with fair signal and undermodulated, so RSO has managed to broadcast on the correct frequency tonight instead of 15355 or 15140 where, however, reception would probably have been better (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. BBC Monitoring on Twitter alerted me to this just published article. Second paragraph says "short medium wave transmission" and near end of article says world, external and foreign services will be further improved.

Radio Pakistan to restore medium wave transmission --- DG says radio will continue to dominate in future as it can reach far flung areas.
http://www.dawn.com/news/1108855/radio-pakistan-to-restore-medium-wave-transmission
(via Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

RADIO PAKISTAN TO RESTORE MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMISSION
Addressing Guest Hour programme of Peshawar Press Club here on Monday, PBC Director General Samina Pervaiz said that medium wave transmission would be revived in Karachi, Multan, Hyderabad and Larkana.
More at :
http://www.dawn.com/news/1108855/radio-pakistan-to-restore-medium-wave-

transmission
---- (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, May 26, dx_sasia yg via DXLD)

WTFK? Story does not say, but see next one on page about extended reach of R Pakistan (gh)

PAKISTAN STATE RADIO INAUGURATES POWERFUL TRANSMITTER IN PESHAWAR | Text of report by official news agency Associated Press of Pakistan (APP)

Peshawar, 26 May: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governor Sardar Mahtab Ahmad Khan formally launched the newly-installed, 400-kW digitized transmitter of Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation at its Peshawar station on Monday evening [26 May] enabling it to spread its broadcasts to wider range of people.

The project completed at a cost of 442m rupees with the support of USAID. Mohtrama Sameena Parvez, director-general and other senior officials of PBC also attended the ceremony besides a large number of representative figures from cross section of the society especially the writers, artists and officials of the Peshawar radio station.

Speaking on the occasion, the governor while stressing on the importance of the broadcast of the PBC said, "it [is] indeed a big gift from the donors and we must be thankful to them". Though, he added, television telecasts and latest innovations in the field of information technology based communication systems have been overwhelmingly taking place on vast level, yet, the broadcasts of radio are also enjoying attractions amongst their fans and listeners in a bigger way.

The governor while referring to the prevailing situation in the province and FATA especially referred to importance of brining normalization in society and said that repatriation of displaced citizens at their home places is a big challenge which demands collective role of the society as a whole to fulfil this responsibility of great importance.

Apart from this, the governor said, keeping in view the crisis ridden circumstances through which this entire region has gone through and still the situation bears challenges on different counts, there is also the need to make more hectic efforts to building our national image; prove ourselves a graceful nation and develop the capability amongst our people in making all this possible.

"We need to make correct presentation of the face of our nation and the people through media; especially those with a capability of spreading their broadcasts and telecasts to a wider range of people

which indeed can contribute more effectively in making all this possible", he said.

While pointing towards, Mohtrama Sameena Parvez, the governor said, being director-general of this most prestigious institution; having largest network in the country, she needed to run this institution professionally; effectively and efficiently.

We as nation, he remarked, have been rendering unmatchable sacrifices for stability and security of our motherland and there is also the need that the people realized about the great sacrifices which the people of FATA in particular have been rendering for quite some time.

Earlier, Mohtrama Sameena Parvez while welcoming the governor said, Peshawar station of PBC bears unique history of having been gifted by its creator "Markoni" himself to great educationist, Sir Sahibzada Abdul Qayyum at his request. Apart from this, she said, the PBC DIKhan Station is also being further developed and modernized, besides development of many studios in other parts of the country.

The launching ceremony was followed by a colourful peace cultural show and a mobile theatre drama "Armaan" organized by Kadam Pa Padam, a project of the USAID.

Source: Associated Press of Pakistan news agency, Islamabad, in English 1809 gmt 26 May 14 (via BBCM via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

PBC PESHAWAR: ENTERING INTO AGE OF DIGITIZATION

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---- (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dx_sasia yg via DXLD) viz:

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The project is part of the plan to modernize, upgrade and revamp the national broadcasting organization so as to meet the modern day requirements and to disseminate information, education and entertainment to the listeners.

The new transmitter at the oldest station of Radio Pakistan will replace the existing more than 20 years old 100 kilowatt transmitter, and besides added voice quality, it will an outreach as far as up to parts of Afghanistan.

According to a survey, with the installation of the new digital transmitter, the programmes being aired by Radio Pakistan Peshawar in six languages that is Urdu, Pushto, Hindko, Khor (Chitrali), Kohistani (Hazara) and Dari on the frequency 1260 kHz, would be clearly listened in Bajaur Agency, Kurram Agency, Khyber Agency, Mohmand Agency, Orakzai Agency, Malakand Agency, Upper Dir, Lower Dir (Chakdara), Buner, Hangu, Mardan, Shangla (Swat), Swabi, Kohat, Dera Ismail Khan, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Garam Chashma (Chitral), Azad Kashmir, parts of Hunza, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, and up to Kunar and Nangarhar provinces of Afghanistan.

In this way, Peshawar radio which had started its journey with a small one kilowatt medium wave transmitter in 1935 will have the most powerful transmitter from now on.

During its almost 80 years journey, Peshawar Radio has played an active role in promoting local traditions and culture, educating the people and socio-economic uplift of the area.

After inception of Pakistan, this emerged as the only source to encourage the migrants and help them rehabilitate in the then North-West Frontier Province [NWFP]. It also highlighted through its news bulletins and programmes the socio-economic activities in the region. It promoted national unity and cohesion among different communities particularly those who had migrated from India.

Radio Pakistan Peshawar infused a new spirit among the people of the area during 1965 war, and the people of NWFP alongside their counterparts in other provinces stood shoulder to shoulder with the armed forces thereby boosting their morale. Similarly, this radio station has played a leading role in providing the latest situations of natural calamities ñ whether it is 2005 catastrophic earthquake which caused the worst disaster particularly in Balakot or the floods that hit different parts of the province from time to time ñ and contributed to the rehabilitation of the affected people.

This station of Radio Pakistan has a leading role in raising the morale of the people particularly those living in militancy-infested Federally-Administered Tribal Areas [FATA]. Its staff spot coverage of events at the risk of their lives so as to keep the audience abreast with the latest situation and to share their sufferings and miseries. The contribution of Peshawar radio towards this end can be gauged from the feedback from the listeners.

On the cultural and literary front, Radio Pakistan Peshawar has the distinction of introducing legend poets, writers, artistes, musicians, and broadcasters. It has produced legendary figures like Ahmed Faraz, Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi, Noon Meem Rashid, Farigh Bukhari, Khatir Ghaznavi, Amir Hamza Shinwari, Mosin Ehsan, Samundar Khan Samundar, Khayal Muhammad, Munir Sarhadi, Gulnar Begum, Mehjabeen Qazalbash and Mashooq Sultan etc. Besides serving as a cultural hub of the province, Peshawar Radio has been a center of the promotion of local arts and languages such as Pushto, Hindko, Kohistani and Dari.

Radio Pakistan Peshawar has also helped raise literacy rate in the province. Through its programmes such as dramas and educational chunks, it has created awareness among the people about education particularly in the fields of science and technology. It has also played role in women's empowerment and encouraged the female folk to get education while upholding their local cultural traditions.

The Pushto news bulletins being aired by Peshawar radio give extensive coverage to events and activities taking place throughout the province as well as FATA. Besides, wide coverage is given to local events in the local bulletins being aired in different languages.

In short, Radio Pakistan Peshawar is not just a radio station established in the provincial metropolis. Rather it has emerged as the voice of the valiant people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa whether they live in the province, tribal areas or other parts of the country. The gift of 400 kilowatt digital transmitter will certainly bring a revolution in the field of broadcasting in this region (via DXLD)

! TFK! At least this version gives the frequency, 1260, but fails to mention that US AID paid for it, as in the APP story; tnx a lot, Pakis! And what does ``digitized`` really mean? Even with 400 kW, their audience will plummet to near zero if it`s really in DRM only. I suspect ``digital`` is only a buzzword, for a modern transmitter`s internal solid-state workings, and possibly DRM *capable*, but it better be transmitting in analog AM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3260, NBC Madang, 1150-1204*, May 25 (Sunday); Religious songs; 1202 started playing pop religious songs for the start of "Island Praise" presented by Stacy Rose; a USA syndicated program, that plays "the best reggae, soca, calypso, hip hop gospel compilations that the Caribbean has to offer"; off just after her intro.

3385, NBC East New Britain, 1136-1200:57*, May 22. Ad for a brand of rice, the favorite rice "from the Highlands to the Islands"; pop

songs; no audio from 1153-1156.

3905, NBC New Ireland lost audio about 1208, till past 1216, May 22; otherwise audio was fine later on at 1320 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3905.0, NBC New Ireland, S=8 -79dBm, news reader male and female at 1008 UT May 22.

3384.994, NBC New Britain, Rabaul, English comments on development bank at 1023 UT. S=8 or -74dBm nice signal. Noted on remote Queensland Australia unit (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7325, 0611, Wantok Radio Light reactivated, fading in on measured 7324.97 with religious features. Much improved signal in Pidgin English taking about Christian Life when rechecked at 0925 but OTH QRM, 29/4 (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai (Northland), North Island, New Zealand, with Drake SPR4, AOR7030+, EWEs to North, Central & South America, 100m BOG to NE and Alpha Delta Sloper antennas, May NZ DX Times via DXLD)

7325, 0745, Wantok Radio Light. Fair in English. 24/4 (Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC NRD535, ICOM IC-746PRO. Antenna. T2FD. EWE, ibid.)

7325, 1710, Radio Wantok Light. Good signal with mainly music. 29/04 (John Durham, Tauranga, JRC535Db Eavesdropper trap dipole antenna, ibid.)

7325, 1812, Wantok R. Lite Fair in English ìBack to the Bibleî and music, occasional bubbler co channel - 29/4 (Kelvin Brayshaw, LEVIN. ATS-909, Tecsun PL660, 7.5m EWE, Coax Loop, ibid.)

** PERU. 4835.042, May 21 2300, Ondas del Sur with nice music (Thomas Nilsson, ƒngelholm, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 25 via DXLD)

** PERU. 5980.04 approx., May 24 at 0038, R. Chaski vs storm noise level and splash from 5990 Cuba; better after 0100 with some music and talk modulation, enough to seem somewhat distorted as others have reported, until chopoff at 0112:05.5* which is 16.5 seconds later than last check one trinite ago.

Definitely slightly on the hi side compared to WWV and to several other 49m signals, so I can`t agree with Chuck Bolland who measured it with his Excalibur on 5979.979, but that was May 17 at 0014 as a carrier only, presumed. I should keep measuring it as I am waiting for its ever-latening closure (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, R. CHASKI, 24/05 0101 UT. ID de la emisora y avisos con audio sobremodulado y SINPO: 35242 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Ant: hilo 30 metros, QTH: Ovalle centro, IV regiÛn, Chile, condig yg via DXLD)

5980, May 25 at 0106, R. Chaski carrier and along with it some talk modulation, until chopoff at 0112:11.5* which is 6 seconds later than yesterday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, May 26 until 0112:20.5*, R. Chaski, Urubamba, cutting off, which is 9 seconds later than yesterday. Did I miscalculate or did they?

5980, May 27 at 0111, at first nothing heard from R. Chaski, reset? Then I do make out a JBA carrier until cutoff at 0112:23.5* which is 12 seconds later than on May 25, and only 3 seconds later than May 26, so the May 26 reading must have been an anomaly.

5980, May 28 at 0111, R. Chaski carrier detectable despite pulse jamming from Cuba, which occasionally appears here way off-time from the R. MartÌ broadcast starting at 0700; until cut off at 0112:29.5*, which is six seconds later than yesterday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 6173.9, May 21 2356, R Tawantinsuyo on a completely free 6175 frequency. Weak (Thomas Nilsson, ƒngelholm, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 25 via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. 15430, May 26 at 1226, VP signal with YL in presumed Iban from R. Free Sarawak via RVA Palauig, 1229-1230* music.

15470, May 26 at *1228 open carrier, musical prÈlude to Vatican relay in Chinese via RVA Palauig. I suspected this would be the same transmitter as for RFS 15430 until 1230, but not, as they overlapped.

WRTH shows Radio Veritas Asia has 2 x 250 kW and 1 x 50 kW. At 1230 there is only one broadcast of their own, Kachin on 15225. Aoki does not show any 50 kW broadcasts from Palauig, all 250 except for 100 kW on 15620 for R. Free Chosun at 1300-1500. However RFC has no signal here, and our info is that for the A-14 season, that broadcast has moved to Uzbekistan. When it was via Palauig, aimed at North Korea, it carried on well toward North America (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PUERTO RICO. 580, WKAQ, 0648 to 0700 several ments de Puerto Rico and full ID 19 May (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Re 14-21, MW frequency list:

Hi Ydun, Tibor and Anatoly, I'd guess RC means "Radiotsentr", i.e. Radio Centre. Anatoly, do you know the origin of this list? I don't think Vesti FM relays via ex-VOR MW transmitters are really internal, but mainly for Ukraine instead. I think there are also some errors; I think these are probably off:
711 Naryan-Mar
1098 (not 1089 as in the list) Nikolsk
1116 Sochi
1458 Kudymkar

And I am also doubtful about these:
738 Palana
1008 Tuapse
1089 Tilichiki
1251 Cherkessk
73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, RusDX May 25 via DXLD)

Correct. Thank you for your comments and additions:
Ydun Ritz, Denmark;
Mauno Ritola, Finland
Tibor Gaal, Hungary;
Guillermo S·ez, Valencia Spain.

[presumably revised list follows:]

Public radio broadcasting internal Russian

Radio Rossii
Frequency kHz / kW / Location / Regional Transmission
567 / 500 / Volgograd, Russia / GTRK " Volgograd "
567 / 75 / Kyzyl, Tuva Republic / GTRK " Tuva "
576 / 50 / Khabarovsk, Russia / GTRK "Dalniy Vostok "
585 / 150 / Perm, Perm / GTRK "Perm"
594 / 40 / Izhevsk, Republic of Udmurtia
621/ 50 / Makhachkala, Dagestan / GTRK "Dagestan"
621 / 50 / Syktyvkar , Komi Republic / GTRK "Komi"
639 / 75 / Omsk, Russia / GTRK "Irtysh"
657 / 150 / Murmansk, Russia / GTRK " Murman "
693 / 150 / Ufa, Republic of Bashkortostan
711 / 7 / Naryan-Mar , Nenetskiy Avtonomny okrus, Arkhangelskaya oblast / GTRK "Zapolyarje"
738 / 25 / Palana, Kamchatka Region / GTRK "Kamchatka"
738 / 40 / Chelyabinsk, Russia / GTRK " Yuzhny Ural "
792 / 25 / Abakan , Republic of Khakassia / GTRK " Khakassia "
792 / 50 / Aleksandrovsk -Sakhalinsk , Russia / GTRK "Sakhalin"
810 / 150 / Vladivostok , Primorsky Krai / GTRK " Primorye"

846 / 40 / Elista , Republic of Kalmykia / GTRK "Kalmykia "
855 / 50 / Penza, Russia / GTRK " Penza "
873 / 25 / Kaliningrad, Russia
873 / 250 / Radio Centre "Lesnoy" , Moscow region
873 / 100 / Samara, Russia / GTRK "Samara"
873 / 75 / Saint-Petersburg , Russia
918 / 150 / Arkhangelsk, Russia / GTRK " Pomorje "
936 /   5 / Matveyevka , Orenburg region / GTRK "Orenburg"
945 / 40 / Novocherkassk , Rostov region / GTRK " Don-TR "
963 / 20 / Zakamensk , Buryatia / GTRK " Buryatia "
1008 /   1 / Tuapse, Krasnodar region
1080 / 100 / Kovylkino , Mordovia / GTRK " Mordovia "
1089 /   5 / Tilichiki , Kamchatka Region / GTRK "Kamchatka"
1089 /   5 / Nikolsk , Vologda Region / GTRK " Vologda"
1116 / 30 / Sochi, Krasnodar Krai / GTRK "Kuban"
1251 /   7 / Cherkessk, Karachay-Cherkess Republic / GTRK " Karachay-Cherkessia "
1287 / 50 / Grozny, Chechen Republic / GTRK "Vainah "
1350 / 2x5 / Ust- Kan and Ust- Ulagan Altai Republic / GTRK " Gorny Altai "
1395 /   1 / Buguruslan, Orenburg region / GTRK "Orenburg"
1458 /   7 / Kudimkar , Perm / GTRK "Perm"
1476 / 20 / Onguday Altai Republic / GTRK " Gorny Altai "
1485 / 2x1 / Kamenskoe and Keys , Kamchatka Region / GTRK "Kamchatka"
1602 /   1 / Ust -Barguzin , Buryatia / GTRK " Buryatia "

Radio station "Mayak"
828 / 75 / Kyzyl, Tuva Republic
918 / 50 / Makhachkala, Dagestan / GTRK " Dagestan "

Radio station "Vesti FM"
1089 / 1200 / Tbilisskaya, Krasnodar region
1215 / 1200 / Sovetsk, Kaliningrad region
1413 / 500 / poselok Mayak, Prednestrovie
Data as of March 2014 to change.
http://www.dxcourier.ru/rrus.html
(RusDX May 25 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Buzzer site found --- This linked shared by Horacio Nigro <https://www.facebook.com/horacio.nigro?hc_location=timeline>
He discovered it on: Reddit
http://priyom.org/blog/real-buzzer-site-found!.aspx
(Ian Baxter, shortwavesites yg via DXLD) 4625

** RUSSIA. QSL: Russian State Time and Frequency Service, Institute of Metrology, 9996, F/d QSL after F/up, total Reply in 11 months. WEB: http://www.vniiftri.ru/index.php/en Email: office @ vniiftri.ru (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. QSL: Radio Rossii, 13665, Taldom site, f/d Email QSL and confirmation directly from Taldom Tx site, Reply in 14 days. Email: rc-3-buch @ mail.ru (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. VoR may return to SW in a future

Russia's National Security Council creates new body for funding Voice of Russia's LW/MW/SW broadcasts http://t.co/0e6LRrIHoT
via Twitter @SWLingDotCom.
(Horacio Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, May 27 dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

Long story in Russian:
http://lenta.ru/articles/2014/05/26/radio/
[Google attempt at translation:]

"Radio Russia" khaki
Restore and maintain long-distance broadcasting instruct security forces Photo: Grigory Sysoev / RIA Novosti

Sovet Russian security at a meeting on May 19 decided to establish a special federal state budgetary institutions (FSBA) for the implementation of long-range Russian public broadcasting stations "Radio Russia" and "Voice of Russia" both domestically and abroad. On this "Lente.ru" according to two industry sources familiar with the decision of the Security Council.

Objective of the new company will be the restoration and long-range radio support on long, medium and short waves, which in 2013-2014 was almost completely collapsed state company "Russian Television and Radio Broadcasting Network" (RTRS) due to the termination of budget financing. FGBI broadcasting, by the decision of the Security Council will be established in 2016 and is run by one of the security forces, presumably the Ministry of Defence.

Why not hear "Voice of Russia"

During the previous two years distant broadcasting public radio stations in the country was almost completely stopped.

First, in March of 2013, ceased to be broadcast on long (LW) and secondary (SV) waves transmit radio "Mayak". As a result, hear them in Russia was only possible in some cities where the broadcaster - the company RTR - transmitters have a range of FM.

Then, in early 2014, partially disabled and broadcast "Radio Russia" on long and medium waves, which led to the same result as a "beacon".

Thus, today the Russian state radio transmission will not be accepted in our country anywhere except a few major cities, mostly regional or national centers.

Gone with all ranges of radio waves, providing long-distance transmissions (this, in addition to LW and MW, more short-wave - HF), and "Voice of Russia", working for foreign countries. Its transmission RTRS radio centers in Russia were also stopped, continuing with only a few transmitters leased abroad.

In all these cases, the cause was broadcast far off reduction in state funding, the company provides RTR for this purpose.

How not to die far Broadcasting

In addition, the public radio stations that was not heard in most parts of Russia, the almost complete cessation of government funding jeopardized the very existence of long-range radio in our country.

This kind of broadcasting carried RTRS state company with its powerful broadcasting centers, where there were about 40 at the end of 2013.

They basically were just loaded broadcast transmission over long distances, " Lighthouse ", " Radio Russia " and " Voice of Russia". During this RTRS received money from the company RTR and "Voice of Russia ". It is clear that when the money stopped coming, the content of radio centers for RTRS became unprofitable.

Reduction in government funding far broadcasting has led to the fact that RTRS forgone in 2013-2014 approximately 800 million rubles of income. A company's annual loss from this activity reached about 2.5 billion rubles.

In this situation, the prospect of closing RTRS got most radio centers because of their support in working condition in the absence of paid broadcasting expensive. At the same time, because of the technical features of the powerful radio transmitters, after being off for two or three winters, equipment radio centers could come into complete disrepair, and if necessary, they would have to build almost from scratch.

Therefore, recently continued search for a way out of the situation, the more that radio centers need not only RTR and not only to "Lighthouse" was heard on the Siberian expanses.

Why CIS military radio

The fact that a powerful radio, in addition to solving the civilian tasks for the dissemination of radio programs in the country, and the need for specific tasks power structures.

The center can be a powerful broadcasting horizon radar for early warning about the threat of aerospace attack. In addition, they are suitable for electronic warfare (EW) and intelligence.

On the basis of such radio centers is also possible to arrange for large areas notification of emergencies or danger in wartime. They are suitable for sustainable and long-distance communications for government agencies, if at the same time of war will be disrupted communication via satellite, which is very likely.

Military has always expressed an interest in maintaining a strong radio in the country. However, these structures were not controlled by them, being a member of the RTRS. Consequently, the military and money on them from the budget is allocated.

What will the new structure

According to sources, "Heathcliff", the Security Council decided that the centers of powerful broadcasting solving the problem of propagation programs public radio stations in 2016 will be transferred from the RTRS in the new federal budget enterprise.

The company will be under the jurisdiction of one of the Russian power structures, presumably, the Ministry of Defence, and also to solve specific problems in the field of defense and security. Venture will be financed from the federal budget.

Prior to this RTRS receive state funding in the amount of three billion rubles for 2015-2016 years. It will be used to before the new FGBI restore distant broadcast "Radio Russia" to the entire country and the " Voice of Russia" with Russian foreign transmitters.

What do they say in the industry
In RTRS welcome recovery far broadcasting.

"With the reduction in broadcast transmission "Mayak", "Radio Russia" and "Voice of Russia", any decision aimed at maintaining the powerful broadcasting is urgent" - said "Lente.ru " spokesman Igor Stepanov RTRS, refraining from further comments decisions of the Security Council.

Chairman of the Consortium "Digital broadcasting technology platform"

Andrew Bryksenkov told "Lentoy.ru" pointed out that worldwide network of powerful broadcasting are under state control.

"The decision to allow the Security Council to begin upgrading the infrastructure of a powerful radio, otherwise we will lose a significant part of it, and even its full potential. Isolation of powerful broadcasting separate enterprise will create preconditions for optimization of radio and broadcasting, public address systems and information security" - said Bryksenkov.

At the same time, the expert does not believe that the new structure will definitely be successful. "Powerful broadcasting has many specific features that will face security forces who do not have experience with similar equipment," - he said. Igor Agapov (via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non?]. RUSSIAN FEDERATION: A program in Russian of "Novgorod TV" via "Rossia 1 TV" was observed on 23 May at 1530-1600 as follows: Video on channel 2 OIRT on black-white TV set analogue "Resprom 5001" (Bulgarian made, in 70s) and antenna outdoor wire 2.8 meters plus wire reflector 3 meters;

Sound on receiver "Selena B 216" and telescopic antenna on 65.75 MHz OIRT FM Band (Most likely from Bellorussian site because many transmitters from BLR were heard on OIRT FM (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, May 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA [non]. QSL: Radio Mada, 17540, via Madagascar, f/d QSL for e mail to MGLOB Mr. Rocus de Joode: rocus @ mglob.mg Reply in 15 days.
Info WEB MGLOB: http://www.pcjmedia.com/mglob
WEB info Radio Mada: http://www.radiomada.com
Email: radiomada @ hotmail.com (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. PHILIPPINES, Nothing heard of R. Free Sarawak in 15.4 to 15.5 MHz range today Wed May 21, 1100-1130 UT:

Only heard 15410 AIR, 15440 CRI, 15480 CNR, 15490 ARS, 15500 IRN. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

May 22: Today on 15420 kHz, 1052 UT (tune in), Nonstop Music, 1100 R. Free Sarawak s/on (S. Hasegawa, Japan, ibid.)

Seemingly now 10 kHz up, at 1143 UT 15420 is empty, but heard female announcer in Malaysian? Language on 15430 kHz instead. Weak S=3-4 on threshold level in Australia, but better signal in Japan, noted between S=8 and S=9+5dB or -65dBm at 1148 UT May 22. Male ID at 1154 UT. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, May 22, ibid.)

QSY to 15430kHz at 1145 UT (S. Hasegawa, ibid.)

Jamming s/on at 1140 UT on 15420 kHz, and 1156 UT s/on on 15430 (S. Hasegawa, May 22, ibid.)

Radio Free Sarawak, per Aoki via Palauig-Zambales (Philippines), on May 22. 15420, tuned in at 1131 to hear RFS with no jamming and good signal during a brief check.

15430, found here at 1217 and intermittently jammed (did not sound non-stop to me!); checked at 1229 to find good reception with strong signal and no jamming; indigenous chanting/singing till 1230*.

Sei-ichi Hasegawa has brought up an interesting point. Several RTM (Malaysia) transmitters have been silent for quite some time now (Radio Klasik - 5964.69 kHz and Sarawak FM - 9835 kHz). Could one of these transmitters been pulled to due jamming duties against RFS? Both frequencies continue absent through May 22 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Today I sent the following email to some of the staff at RTM (Malaysia). Did not really expect any response. Ron

- - - - - - Ron's email to staff members at RTM:
Gentlemen, As of today (22 May) both Radio Klasik (5964.69 kHz) and Sarawak FM (9835 kHz) continue to be off the air (transmitter not on at all). Is one of these transmitters now being used to jam the signal of "Radio Free Sarawak," as RFS jumps between 15420, 15430 and 15460 kHz? Terima kasih! Ron Howard, California, USA
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Was very surprised and pleased to receive the following reply:

From: Amiruddin Bin Jemaat
Date: Thu, May 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM
Subject: RE: Off the air on SW - Radio Klasik (5964.69 kHz.) and Sarawak FM (9835 kHz.)
To: Ron Howard, "Hj. Zulkifli Bin Abdul Rahim"
Cc: Khairuddin bin Hj Osman, Sharifah Norehan Syed Salleh, Fee Lin Chew, "Othman Md. Said"

Good morning Ron and my colleagues :) Thanks for the notice about our SW transmission. I really appreciate it. To be clear, none of these transmitters have been used to jam any signal. Actually:

1) For Sarawak FM (9835 kHz), we have issues with the transformer of the transmitter and the antenna system. Currently, the works of

repairing is on-going.

2) For Radio Klasik (5964.69 kHz), we have problem part (tetrode valve). As of now, we are still waiting to receive the spare part from supplier.

Hope this will clarify the situation and thanks again for your time. Hope you have a good time listening to our shortwave always :)

Sekian, terima kasih...
Amiruddin Jemaat
RTM Kajang, Malaysia
(via Ron, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

15430, May 22 at 1226, presumed Iban talk mentioning ``Berita``, from Radio Free Sarawak via RVA PHILIPPINES, 1228 chanting to 1230*; poor signal, but at least audible today unlike yesterday. No jamming heard here, but S. Hasegawa, Japan says today RFS started before 1100 on 15430, switched at 1145 to 15420; while jamming started at 1140 on 15420, and at 1156 on 15430, i.e. reverse frequencies; fooled `em? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15430, RFS (Palauig-Zambales, PI) 1158-1230* 22/23 May. Fair in Iban with JBA (presumed) Malaysian jamming until :24 on 22 May, no jamming audible on the 23rd. M/W discussions + "berita dari Radio Free Sarawak", :20 both days had canned phone-ringer sound, "Hello", "Radio Free Sarawak" and long chat/interview. Closing on the 22nd with "siaran Radio Free Sarawak" and a capella song, on the 23rd just a quick close-down announcement and off (Dan Sheedy, Swami's Beach, CA PL380/6m X wire, cheers from the beach, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15430, May 23 at 1226, poor signal from presumed R. Free Sarawak in Iban until cutoff at 1230* after no chanting today (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also PHILIPPINES

15420, RFS (Palauig-Zambales, PI) *1057-1108 24 May. Opening with a couple Malay/English old-school romantic songs (50s crooner-style), several IDs + website: http://www.radiofreesarawak.org nice & clear before the news; no jamming noted today (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15430, May 24 at 1227, very poor signal in talk, presumed Iban, presumed R. Free Sarawak on today`s frequency, nothing on 15420 or 15460.

15420, 15430, 15460, May 25 at 1228, no signals from R. Free Sarawak --- because it`s their day off, Sunday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15410, Radio Free Sarawak, per Aoki via Palauig-Zambales (Philippines) on May 27 found on this new frequency at 1104 with no jamming, but at 1115 sign on of AIR with AIR IS; not a good choice to get away from jamming. Before AIR sign on was fair to almost good. Brief audio attached. May 26 had RFS on 15420 at 1100 with no jamming; checked again at 1112 to find RFS and strong jamming. At 1204 found RFS had moved to 15430, but also heard the jamming that had followed them there (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldy via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Email from Mauno Ritola on May 27: "acc. to WRTH summer schedules this is now via Taiwan. 73, Mauno."

Thanks to Mauno for this info. I had in fact wondered what was going on with RFS reception. For a long time the RFS reception was very hit-or-miss, with many days of below threshold level reception, but recently almost every day have found them with fair to good reception, which would indeed tend to indicate something had significantly changed, such as the location. Believe the recent good reception could not just be attributed to a change in propagation! As of the latest update (May 28, 2014 0200 UT) Aoki still lists Palauig-Zambales (Philippines) (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, May 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

May 28 heard RFS on 15430 at 1148 with no jamming and fair-good reception; at 1159 RFS and heavy jamming; 1200* RFS went off of the air and the jamming went silent a few seconds later. Immediately tuned down to 15420 and found RFS; jamming started there within a few seconds of their frequency change, so the jamming is very alert as to what RFS is doing. Yet another day of consistently fair-good reception. Can others confirm now via Taiwan? (Ron Howard, ibid.)

I`m convinced RFS is still via RVA Philippines. If reception has improved, possibly they have switched from a 50/100 kW unit to a 250 kW transmitter. See also PHILIPPINES (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5019.872, SIBC Honiara, English nice ID by male at 1000 UT May 22. S=9 or -72dBm, but a little bit LOW modulation today. Noted in Nara, Japan, remote SDR unit. No operation on 9545 kHz (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5020-, May 27, SIBC JBA carrier cut timed at 1159:01.5* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 15255, May 28 at 0558, ME? music, very poor with flutter. Not expecting it to turn out to be trans-equatorial Channel

Africa, but 0600 6-pip timesignal about 1 second late, opening ChAf English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA. One last comment because I really just can't resist. If you have been listening to the Good Brother Stair, you can't help but notice his voice is rarer and rarer on the shows and consists mostly of recorded pleas for money. Several of the 'stand ins' (none of whom seem to have a name) have made REALLY oblique references to things that you might construe as hints that BS is not in the best of health, but there have been no specific mentions of what is going on in Murpheysboro [sic --- it`s Walterboro SC --- gh].

It behooves all good SWLs to keep tabs on this and report what you hear to MARE so we will have the latest. I wonder if BS`s ministry will have the longevity of Dead Dr Gene or the Postumas [sic] but Prolific Pastor Peter J Peters? Time shall tell! (Ken Zichi, MARE Tipsheet 23 May via DXLD)

9955, May 22 at 1403, WRMI not with BS/TOM like 9930 WTWW and 9980 WWCR et al., but some other preacher. Perhaps the same one heard an hour earlier after 1300? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non] BULGARIA: Chaos with broadcasts Brother Stair via Kostinbrod:
0700-1300 11600 SOF 050 kW / 306 deg WeEu Su-Fr, till 1000 on May 26
1300-1700 9400 SOF 050 kW / 306 deg WeEu Daily, from 1340 on May 27
1600-1700 11590 SOF 100 kW / 030 deg EaEu Daily, nothing from May 23
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/05/brother-stair-via-kostinbrod.html
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/05/additional-registered-frequencies-of.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, May 24 at *0114:10, SLBC carrier on, 0114:47 music starts, 2+1 timesignal ends at 0115:18; poor in noise level.

11905, May 25 at 0114, SLBC carrier is on, very poor signal; 0114:48 music starts, 0115:16.5 mistimesignal ends.

11905, May 26 at 0114, SLBC carrier is on, 0114:46.5 music starts, but no timesignal heard during pause before sign-on announcement from 0115:23.5; very poor.

11905, May 27 at 0115, SLBC very poor with opening music, 2+1 mistimesignal ending at 0115:18.

11905, May 28 at *0114:12, SLBC carrier on, 0114:47.5 music starts, 0114:19 mistimesignal ends, very poor in noise (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. QSL: Voice of Africa, 9505, Email to: bakhito2bb @ yahoo.com Directeur Assistant Voice of Africa, French Section. Email letter Reply in 3 days. Info WEB: http://www.voiceofafricaradio.com (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Now seems inactive; too busy with jamming? (gh)

** SUDAN [non]. Dear Glenn, I found an article which I downloaded from http://www.allafrica.com news-gathering site. Originally the news was published by Radio Dabanga, the well-known radio station for Sudan and South Sudan. Here is the article: (Tibor Gaal, Hungary, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Dabanga (Hilversum)

SUDAN: RADIO DABANGA 'TOP STATION' IN DARFUR AND SOUTH KORDOFAN
21 May 2014

Khartoum -- The Sudanese national parliament on Monday discussed the latest report of its Information and Media Committee. The report stated that the majority of the people in Darfur and South Kordofan prefer Radio Dabanga to any national broadcasting station.

"Radio Dabanga has become the main source for information and news in Sudan," said Abdallah Jamaa, MP for Ed Daein constituency (East Darfur) during the parliamentarian session on the media. "What the citizens are witnessing on the ground, they hear reflected on Radio Dabanga. That is why Radio Dabanga is much more popular than any government-sponsored radio, which has been working for 25 years without any effect."

The MP noted that the people in East Darfur all listen to Radio Dabanga, "while Radio Omdurman cannot be received in the state". He therefore proposed to the parliament to cut the financial support of national radio stations. "Not even a penny."

MP Abdallah Ali Masar, former Media Minister, and currently chairman of the Transport Committee, commented by saying that his wife listens to Radio Dabanga "day and night". "Every day, when I come home, I find her listening to Radio Dabanga." Masar, however, accused Radio Dabanga of broadcasting programmes against the Sudanese government (via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

** SURINAME. 4990, Radio Apintie, Paramaribo, 0710 to 0845 fades, om in Dutch 19 May (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [and non]. 13720, PCJ Radio - Trincomalee. Late in signing on at 1232 so we didn't hear the opening announcements. Signal was not

moving the meter very much but it was still quite readable, May 25. 73's (Rob Wagner VK3BVW, http://www.medxr.blogspot.com ARDXC via DXLD)

13720, May 25 at 1236, DRM noise atop weak AM signal, i.e. REE SPAIN in DRM until 1300, and PCJ Radio International from 1230 in AM via SRI LANKA. A shame such a collision has been accepted; Aoki shows REE is 250 kW at 360 degrees --- does that mean north, or non-direxional? Other entries are shown as zero degrees: what`s the difference? 1308 check, DRM is off but PCJ is JBA.

A week later, we have seen no acknowledgment from PCJ that last Sunday`s 1300-1400 test on 15680 was really via R. Taiwan International, as monitoring evidence showed, rather than its own new transmitter as originally publicized. Frequency manager Victor Goonetilleke with a clip asserted that it was the PCJ unit itself, heard very well in Sri Lanka (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 9734.940, CBSD in Hakka via Radio Taiwan International at Tainan site, news til 1042 UT, male announcer. 1030-1100 UT scheduled (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 9774, Fu Hsing BS during a brief check at 1138 on May 27, found EZL music // 9410; both fair; nothing heard on 15375 (have checked it a number of times and suspect is no longer active).

10960, Sound of Hope at 1212 on May 25 with the usual distinctive ID in English; spelled out their website and said ìSound of Hopeî; consistently gives ID at this time; only occasionally with CNR1 jamming (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. Heard on the news that now it`s official: military coup in Thailand, and normal TV programming has been replaced with loops announcing the takeover. Unfortunately, I missed the 1230 R. Thailand English broadcast (if any), and at 1400, 9390 with a too poor signal. Fortunately, Chuck Bolland in FL was listening at 1230 today May 22:

``Thailand, 9390.026, Radio Thailand World Service, presumed, 1227-1259, Noted a weak carrier on 9390.026 prior to 1230. However, on the half hour Thai music is heard. This continues during the listening period to 1236 when a male person comments. No details are available since the signal is very weak and being chewed up by an annoying carrier. Following the few comments, the music continues. 9390.026 was the best heard frequency and only in upper side band. This time slot (1230-1300 UT) for Radio Thailand World Service is reserved for the English language according to the recent WRTH 2014. I can still see Thailand's weak carrier on the display at 1255, but no audio heard by then. Thailand's carrier disappears by 1300. Chuck Bolland, May 22,

2014, Excalibur, 26N 081W`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good evening, Radio Thailand still on the air. Currently with Thai at 1850 UT with good signal on 9390. English due on air at 1900 also on 9390 may be very Interesting in the light of today's military coup. As of 1910 all I have heard is music with no announcement. Announcement in Thai at 1925. Back to music at 1930. No English heard so far. Further announcement in Thai at 1942. Back to rousing military type music at 1945. Announcement in Thai at 1950. Back to music at 1954, more Thai speech at 1958. German service due on air at 2000. No German; Thai speech continues, music at 2002, more Thai speech at 2006. Back to music at 2012. Transmitter off at 2015. So no English heard between 1900 and 2000 or German between 2000 and 2015. A further English transmission is due at 2030. 73's (John Hoad, UK, Sent from my iPad, May 22, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Too much local interference here, sadly. But both Thai TV Global Network and the DMC Buddhist channel are showing 5 badges and the caption "National Peace and Order Maintaining Council". Also scrolling Thai text across the bottom. Rods, Gareth. [Foster?], UK, Sent from my iPad, 1915 UT May 22, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD

Like John, I've been following R Thailand from sign-on at 1800 UT on 9390 with music and occasional short announcements in Thai. At 1900, music continued, with short announcements in Thai from 1925 and then every 10 minutes or so. Same continued through 2000-2015 during what would have been the German language broadcast. Transmitter is now off-air for scheduled break - next broadcast is scheduled at 2030 (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, 2025 UT May 22, ibid.)

Transmitter back on at 2027, music at 2030, should now be English until 2045 and then Thai until 2115. Sent from my iPad (John Hoad, England, 2037 May 22, ibid.)

Music Only Online (Ken Fletcher, UK, 2051 UT May 22, ibid.)

R. Thailand cancels the service of the foreign language after 1000 UT yesterday's. The station plays a message in Thai and music in substitution for foreign language service. The relay station of BBC and VOA in Thailand continues service according to normal (S. Hasegawa, Japan, 0227 UT May 23, dxldyg via DXLD)

9390, May 23 at 1235, very poor signal with that annoying het on the lo side, but sounds like normal HSK9 programming, M&W alternating world news items, such as Ukraine/Russia. Far too poor to keep with, hoping for something about the military coup in Thailand itself. Several monitors found that R. Thailand`s normal foreign language

programming was replaced by music or Thai on May 22. Apparently IBB and BBC relays via Thailand are unaffected. Now we can assume that any `news` directly out of Bangkok is censored by the military. So I go back to Radio Australia, q.v., for real journalism about it (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9390, R. Thailand, 1245-1301, May 23. In English with promos for doing business in Thailand ("a paradise for businessmen") and ads (Maya rooftop bar and restaurant); info on the latest movies; talk about the stability of the Thai monarchy till suddenly off at 1259*; back on at *1300 with chimes and ID in English before start of segment in Japanese; fair. Brief audio attached (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9390, "Thailand in Prospective" program. [sic --- probably should be Perspective --- gh]. R Thailand was in Thai language program at 54 degrees at 1358 UT, but switched over to 132 degree antenna midst on the English program in progress at 1402 UT. At 1412 UT, S=9+20dB or -52dBm downunder in Australia. Oil forecast at 1415 UT. Low Libya's oil export. vy73 wolfy (Wolfgang B¸schel, May 23, ibid.)

R Thailand WS. Friday 23 May at 1900 UT on 9390 kHz. Broadcast in English apparently back as normal, but announcement at top of the news gave date as "Monday, May 19th" - so R Thailand is just re-running a pre-coup transmission (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Presently from 19 UT May 23 on 9390, Thailand is strong, and they started the news hour - but as far as I heard the date mentioned was Monday, May 19! Kind Regards, (Erik Koie, Holte/Copenhagen, Denmark, ibid.)

9390, May 24 at 1230, R. Thailand ``News-hour`` opening, but very poor as usual, and we know it will only be a semihour on SW. Other reports indicate they are carrying on as if everything is normal, including commercials, but one must be suspicious of their new military masters (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

May 24 - Sign on at 1230 with Anthem; ìThis is the News Hourî; gave today's date, but clearly said ìitís 7:02 PM in Bangkokî (said was ìlive,î so should have been 7:32 PM?); many current items about NCPO (National Council for Peace and Order); 1242 end of ìnational newsî; Bangkok Airways ad, promo for the King and promo for investing in Thailand; fair (Ron Howard, CA, ibid.)

1230-1300 on 9390 UDO 250 kW / 132 deg to SEAs English copied today good conditions - clear audio YL & OM with news in English after musical opening. Commercials then back to the news mostly re Thailand

& East (Rich Ray, Burr Ridge, IL, Ten Tec RX340 and Wellsbrook Loop, May 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

During the Tianemen Square inceident in China, CRI continued to broadcAst and on a couple of occasions the announcers spoke out against what was happenning. Not sure whatever happened to those announcers. I had heard through the news that the [Thai] military imposed radio/TV curfew after 10 PM (probably domestic) but it appears they have their hands on what is going out over all the airways, including their external services (B-T-M, ibid.)

R. Thailand was putting in a very weak signal at 0125, 23 May, on 15590 with only local music. No announcements heard but signal was just barely above the noise level so any announcements would likely not have made it thru the static. I had heard them the previous day with their normal English service (Stephen Wood, Harwich, Mass., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Youtube 15590 kHz at 0100-0330 UT:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jtlizlg97Ic
by Hiroshi, NDXC (S. Hasegawa, Japan, dxldyg via DXLD)

R Thailand WS. Saturday 24 May at 1900 UT on 9390 kHz. Programming is back to near-normal with today's date given ahead of the news "National news - brought to you by Bangkok Airways ..." and lead item "The NPLMC have issued 21 orders ... including the imposition of a nationwide curfew" and reference to the order that "all TV and Radio Stations have been taken off the air and have been instructed to air content of Army-run Channel 5 TV instead".

Later during economic news "the bank of Thailand reports that there has been no panic in the Thai foreign exchange market after the Military Junta seized power". Broadcast however included other world news, world sport news and a number of tourism promos and an advert for an International hotel chain. I guess that the new military leaders are keen to re-assure foreign investors and tourists that it's "business-as-usual" in Thailand despite the coup (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND [non]. PRESS RELEASE: BBC World Service increases broadcasts to Thailand

26 May 2014. As authorities in Thailand take key national and international channels off air in the country, BBC World Service has increased its shortwave English-language radio broadcasts to Thailand, to continue the delivery of its independent news and analysis to audiences there.

From 01:00 GMT on Monday 26 May, BBC World Service expanded its availability via shortwave to Thailand by adding ten hours of broadcasts to its daily shortwave schedule (all times GMT):

0100-0300 on 11600 kHz
0300-0500 on 7370 kHz
0500-1100 on 11700 kHz

Acting Director, BBC World Service Group, Liliane Landor says: ìIn times of national crisis, there is an acute need for accurate, trusted and impartial news. This is why, with our international TV news channel off the air in Thailand, we have increased BBC World Service radio broadcasts in the country.î

The above transmissions add to BBC World Serviceís six hours of shortwave broadcasts at peak times for Thailand. Ends//
For more information please contact:
BBC World Service Group Communications ñ
Lala Najafova lala.najafova@bbc.co.uk
(via gh, and Rich Cuff, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD) See also JAPAN

Good morning - seems we don't see *increases* in shortwave usage often anymore, do we? Anyway, thought you might wish to spread the word. Hope you both have good holidays (Rich Cuff, pa, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2) This is an important lesson why we need to keep the tradition of shortwave usage alive enough so that there are transmitters and receivers available when situations like this are needed! (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Transmitter site(s)? Bet they won`t use Nakhon Sawan, Thailand for this, another awkward situation, politically and propagationally (except maybe for 7 MHz). Most likely Singapore; 7370 is also used earlier from there for SE Asia (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11700 is also used from Singapore for BBC Bengali and Burmese from 0000 to 0100 GMT (Stephen Cooper, dxldyg via DXLD)

Re: BBC World Service Keeps Thailand Informed

What a headline. Not even BBC PR went so far, and for a good reason. Here's what they presumably do not want you to remember:
(Kai Ludwig, May 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BBC CRITICISED FOR CUTTING THAI BROADCASTS - Telegraph

The BBC came under fire yesterday for closing the Thai language arm of

the World Service months before the military seized control of Thailand, in the belief ... View on:

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/1529778/BBC-criticised-for-cutting-Thai-broadcasts.html

BBC criticised for cutting Thai broadcasts
By Sebastien Berger in Bangkok 12:01AM BST 25 Sep *2006*

The BBC came under fire yesterday for closing the Thai language arm of the World Service months before the military seized control of Thailand, in the belief that the country's democracy was thriving and its media were more free than most in the region.

Since Thailand's prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra was ousted last week, the country's new military rulers have begun censoring television and the internet and hundreds of community radio stations have been closed.

Those who formerly would have turned to the BBC World Service for independent Thai-language reporting are now acutely aware of its absence.

"It's a shame that they closed the Thai service, it was very up to date and very accurate," said Chuan Leekpai, predecessor to Mr Thaksin as prime minister and a regular listener.

Yesterday, there were "quite a lot" of soldiers in the newsroom of Thailand's only privately owned terrestrial television station, ITV, a staff member said. "They are monitoring the news, making sure nothing against the coup is presented."

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24 Sep 2006
International television news broadcasts are liable to be interrupted, and one observer said: "Anything that unnerves them, they press that button."

The websites of Mr Thaksin's Thai Rak Thai party and an anti-coup group have been closed, among others, as has the political discussion board on Pantip.com, Thailand's most popular chat site.

If web surfers within the country click on a BBC analysis piece headlined "Thailand's revered king continues to play a key role", a

blank page is loaded.

"If there are alternatives like shortwave [radio] people who would like to hear something different will find a way to listen," said Supinya Klangnarong, the secretary-general of the Campaign for Popular Media Reform.

Jalert Jesabawal, a mass communications lecturer at Ramkhamhaeng University in Bangkok, said the closure was a "very bad decision". He added: "Thai people want to know the news and the BBC is one source they can believe. The BBC is impartial."

Last night a BBC spokesman said the corporation closed its Thai language service because it had been making "minimal impact in the region". She said Thais would not be able to listen to the service even it if was still operation because it was heard through partner stations that have now been closed down.

Maj-Gen Thawip Netinyom, a spokesman for the ruling military council, defended the restrictions, saying that unity had to be preserved. "You can see the reaction of the people in Bangkok ó now they are happy, they enjoy the fact that we are going to correct the wrong," he said.

See also:
Kim Andrew Elliott reporting on International Broadcasting
http://www.kimandrewelliott.com/index.php?id=426

Wow, Kim is back??? NO, that`s also an old but pertinent post from the previous military coup, 20 Sept *2006* (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

And it is quite interesting that the BBC put English on special shortwave frequencies for Thailand while VOA choose to not do this again with its Thai content (Kai Ludwig, May 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. Frequency change of Voice of Tibet:
1430-1445 15612 DB 100 kW / 131 deg CeAs Tibetan, QRM WEWN on 15610
1445-1500 NF 15617 DB 100 kW / 131 deg CeAs Tibetan, ex 15612
The frequencies are jammed by China on xxxx0 / xxxx5
Changes between frequencies vary from 3 to 5 minutes
(Ivo Ivanov, May 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA. 4975.97, R. Kampala. At 2020 with a sort of "township jive" style of Rap music. I'm not a big rap for Rap, but this was quite groovy. Heavily accented and rapid-fire English announcements made it quite difficult to understand the announcer. Lots of shouting and excitement - sounded like one of the old Saturday night party shows that the African stations used to run about 30 years ago, but now with more contemporary dance styles! Fair to poor signal on May 24. 73's

(Rob Wagner VK3BVW, http://www.medxr.blogspot.com ARDXC via DXLD)

** U A E. 11695.119, One of the Al Dhabbaya relay site transmitters always slight odd frequency, at 0211 UT May 28 carried RFA Tibetan scheduled 02-03 UT. S=7 at -88dBm level signal, lower sidelobe broadcast from Near East towards NY-US, lower than expected (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Hi there DXers, I have found two different callsigns for this time signal station at Anthorn on 60 kHz: GBZ and MSF. Which is the right one? tnx 73 (Harald Kuhl, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

I guess, GBZ is rather a NAVAL submarine radio transmission
UK_formerly VLF GBZ Criggion, Powys, WALES UK 21.22 kHz
52 43'21.09"N 03 03'47.14"W
http://binged.it/1tdXsdq

formerly reserve VLF GBZ Skelton 19.6 kHz [reserve]
54 43 55.56 N 02 53 04.74 W

MSF 60 kHz time and standard frequency station
GBZ 19,6 ex21.22 kHZ

"Have noticed that Naval station GBZ, 19.6 kHz, also from Anthorn..."
What's this? GQD: Anthorn, Cumbria, UK 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

UK_MSF Anthorn Time Signal 60 kHz 15 kW
54 54'20.79"N 03 16'39.33"W

and 10 tall mast antennas at
http://binged.it/1te0QVK

UK_VLF Navy & Loran submarine Anthorn GBZ 19.6 kHz, GQD 22.1 kHz
54 54'41.92"N 03 16'42.57"W

ps. I guess LORAN installation has been scrapped in past decade?
73 (wolfgang df5sx, ibid.)

Statement on NPL web site:

MSF signal off-air --- Please note that the MSF signal has had to be taken off-air from Saturday evening, 24 May, until late Tuesday, 27 May, at the earliest, due to a technical fault. Further updates will be posted here when received.
http://www.npl.co.uk/science-technology/time-frequency/products-and-services/time/msf-outages

The next scheduled maintenance date is 12 June from 1000-1400 BST.
(via Dave Kenny, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Indeed. And it seems to have been off air for the last 43 hours according to my clock. This is unusual, maintenance breaks are normally restored overnight so perhaps this is something serious.
(Gareth [Foster?], 1813 May 26, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Other stations on this channel are JJY Japan
http://jjy.nict.go.jp/jjy/index-e.html
and WWVB Fort Collins
http://www.nist.gov/pml/div688/grp40/wwvb.cfm
just in case you have a good antenna & location :-)
73 (Harald Kuhl, ibid.)

Update: "Please note that the MSF signal had to be taken off-air on Saturday evening, 24 May, due to the failure of an essential component at Anthorn Radio Station. It will remain off-air until midnight on Wednesday, 28 May, at the earliest.

Further updates will be posted here when received.
Message updated 12:00 BST 28 May 2014"
http://www.npl.co.uk/science-technology/time-frequency/products-and-services/time/msf-outages
(via Mike Terry, May 28, dxld yg via DXLD)

** UNITED KINGDOM. QSL: RAF Volmet, 11253, f/d confirmation letter, V/s: Squadron Leader Baraf Peter Thorbjonsen, SO2 Air Mobility, Email: peter.thorbjornsen @ mod.uk (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy, PlayDX via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So what is the transmitter site? --- still not mentioned! It could even be Ascension (gh, DXLD)

** U K. On Thu, Mar 20, 2014 at 4:54 PM, Glenn Hauser wrote:

``As requested in announcement, I am reporting the test transmission I heard today on 17745 kHz. I had just tuned in at 1221 UT March 20 for some music, with a good signal, one of the best on the band, little fading and no interference about 10 minutes before sunrise here, when the music stopped and ``You are listening to a test. Please e-mail your report to transmissiontest@gmail.com`` --- then a few notes of the standard Babcock music loop before cut off the air abruptly at 1221:40.

Since you ask for reports, I wonder if you would also verify by QSL card or letter.

I am also very curious about such tests, as I have heard several before, showing up on unexpected frequencies. What is the purpose? Was this one from Woofferton, and are other sites ever tested in this way?

I and other listeners really like the ``Babcock music``. Could you tell us something about it? Was it specially composed for this purpose, or from some previously existing piece of music? What are the instruments? Does it have a name?

I was listening on my old FRG-7 receiver, with long-wire antenna of about 100 feet running east-west.

Looking forward to your e-mail response, and if you wish to send me a QSL by postal mail, the address is:

Glenn Hauser
P O Box 1684
Enid OK 73702-1684
USA``

Hi OM, Thank you for your report and I confirm the details are correct. These transmissions were to fault-find on a 300 kW sender at the UK HF transmitter station at Woofferton. The engineers needed a long test time as the fault was of an intermittent nature.

Babcock, Woofferton is the only remaining UK HF sender broadcast station and also is the only one with this transmission test audio and email address. The audio is contained in a file playout system and incorporates non-copyright music and voice announcements from one of the employees at the transmitter site. Thanks for your interest.

73 Dave G4OYX, [Porter]
Retired Senior Transmitter Engineer Woofferton 1981-2012.
Check out the video presentation of Woofferton on
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QovPkM35aF0&feature=youtu.be
This is the first of seven more! (answer to gh, via DXLD)

** U K. Hi DXers, tonight I received an eQSL for one of these Babcock Woofferton test transmissions, heard here on 24 December 2013 on 6175 kHz. 73 (Harald Kuhl, Germany, May 23, bdxc-uk yg via DXLD) Same text as I got (gh)

Info received from Dave Porter re Test Transmission heard on 6145kHz on May 10th Sent from my iPad (john hoad, ibid.)

** U K [non]. 15285, Friday May 23 at 1152, report about the pope visiting somewhere, sounds like Alan Johnston, so BBCWS `From Our Own Correspondent`? Aoki shows that since May 16, 15285 is the

Monday/Friday/Saturday-only frequency for this hour of BBC via SINGAPORE, 13 degrees so also USward; fair signal despite BBC`s best efforts to deprive North Americans of SW.

As compiled by Ivo Ivanov, this is part of BBC`s new strategy, probably futile, to foil ChiCom noise jamming (none audible here), even against English. Instead of 15285 every day, jumps around during this hour to 15640, 15270 other days of week. Different patterns apply for each hour between 11 and 15 UT, and also for the Thailand and Oman relays on other sets of frequencies. Details in DXLD 14-21

13580, May 28 at 0600, BBC teasing `Outlook` to come, 0601 news; good signal I had not noticed before; Aoki shows 315 degrees via MADAGASCAR at 0600-0800 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also THAILAND [non]!

** U S A. QSL: WE7GV, Green Valley, AZ, 14237 kHz, SSB, on 5/3/14. Received full data QSL for the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club's special event broadcast at the Titan Missile Museum which is located in Sahuarita, Arizona. The QSL depicts a Collins Discage Antenna. Signed by operator, Tom. Also included a colorful special event certificate. Received in one week for reception report and First Class postage. QSL address: Green Valley Amateur Radio Club, 601 N. La CaÒada Drive, Green Valley, AZ 85614 (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, May 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 7457-USB, May 22 at 1310, AF MARS net ``SIM2`` with NCS AFE4TS calling state by state Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina. A few replies, all weaker to inaudible here; such as AFF4MS in Coldwater (that`s helpful, now revealing towns, this one near Senatobia MS, just south of Memphis TN). AFF4MS is a.k.a. AFA4CL, the State MARS Director. AFE4TS in Tennessee is a.k.a. AFA4NQ, the Division Technical Services Manager, and the Division Training Manager, both for the Southeast Division. Last logged this net almost exactly two years ago, May 15, 2012; also a few times in 2008y, 2009y. Now there is also a het from an Asian broadcaster on 7460, tho weakening; Aoki shows VOA Korean via Philippines (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGST)

** U S A. 7391.5-USB, May 22 at 2105, Navy MARS net poorly audible in the daytime noise level, but did hear an NNN0 - call. Searching the DXLD archive on the frequency, we find it`s been 8 years since my last reports, in 2006y, DXLDs 6-041 and 6-123, when the check-ins were from TX and OK, not surprisingly as anything further would be absorbed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. SUSAN McCUE STEPS DOWN FROM THE BOARD --- May 23, 2014

WASHINGTON- BBG Board member Susan McCue has informed the White House and her colleagues that she is leaving the Broadcasting Board of Governors, effective immediately, as she begins her service on the board of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

"I want to recognize the talented and courageous journalists, editors, producers, engineers, technicians and others in the great global BBG family who work tirelessly and in the face of enormous challenges to deliver objective news and information where it may not otherwise exist," wrote McCue in her May 22 resignation letter.

She also thanked her fellow board members and praised their efforts, saying, "The spirit of commitment and collaboration is one from which all arms of government could benefit. These friendships I will hold dear."

Since her appointment in 2010, McCue has served on numerous BBG committees, including most recently as a member of the Special Committee on the Creation on a Chief Executive Officer.

"It has been a great honor to work with Susan," said Chairman Jeff Shell. "She has been a tireless supporter of press freedom and a clear-eyed leader in helping shape U.S. international media today and into the future. While we knew the day would come when she would devote her time to the Millennium Challenge Corporation, she will be sorely missed."

McCue is President of Message Global, a strategic advocacy firm she founded in 2008 to advance social action campaigns. She was the founding President and CEO of The ONE Campaign to combat extreme global poverty and was Chief of Staff to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid from 1999 to 2007. Before that, she held numerous communications positions in government and campaigns. She is currently Vice Chair of Humanity United and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

McCue was appointed to the BBG Board on July 2, 2010 to a term expiring on August 13, 2011. By law, any member whose term has expired may serve until a successor has been appointed and qualified.

Effective immediately, McCue will begin serving on the MCC board, a position to which she was confirmed by the Senate earlier this week.

The text of her resignation letter is below.

May 22, 2014
The President
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As my nomination to serve on the board of the Millennium Challenge Corporation was confirmed by the US Senate this week, it is with deep gratitude that I submit my resignation from the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) effective today.

Most importantly, I want to recognize the talented and courageous journalists, editors, producers, engineers, technicians and others in the great global BBG family who work tirelessly and in the face of enormous challenges to deliver objective news and information where it may not otherwise exist. Every day, they are bravely breaking down barriers. In doing so, they are advancing human freedom, security, opportunity and self-determination around the world. They are the heart, soul and backbone of US international media. It has been an honor.

I also want to sincerely thank my current and former Board colleagues. We have worked in partnership over the years to reform a complex agency during times of continual change and uncertainty. Progress is visible in many areas, particularly digital design and innovation.

Under the skilled leadership of current BBG chairman Jeff Shell and new Board members Ambassador Ryan Crocker, Kenneth Weinstein, and Matthew Armstrong, the BBG is in good hands. The spirit of commitment and collaboration is one from which all arms of government could benefit. These friendships I will hold dear.

In stepping down from the BBG, I will not be far away and will continue to champion its critical mission to inform, engage and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy.

Again, thank you Mr. President for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully, Susan McCue
(BBG PR May 23 via Clara Listensprechen, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. Re 14-21: IBB to become Freedom News Network?
From paragraph 1: "... Opponents... say it will turn the service (VOA, etc.) into an American propaganda tool." Don't they realize that IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE AN AMERICAN PROPAGANDA TOOL????? Or are they that STUPID???? Enough said (Shawn Fahrer, dxldyg via DXLD) Not quite:

THE PITCH OF AMERICAíS VOICE
The Opinion Pages | Editorial By THE EDITORIAL BOARD MAY 25, 2014

Vladimir Putinís aggressive return to Cold War propaganda is feeding

congressional momentum for a bipartisan overhaul of Voice of America, the federal broadcast outlet that has long jockeyed between providing independent, credible news and meeting its statutory mission as official supporter of the United States. This is not always an easy balance, and a measure approved last month by the House Foreign Affairs Committee would explicitly tighten the definition of the V.O.A.ís mission so that its news ìis consistent with and promotes the broad foreign policies of the United States.î

The measure has strong support in both parties with a parallel Senate effort underway. It is critical that the sponsors guarantee the American public as much as the world that standards of professional journalism will not be sacrificed in favor of a simplistic propaganda megaphone.

The V.O.A.ís credibility will not be put at risk, insist the committeeís chairman, Ed Royce, Republican of California, and its ranking Democrat, Eliot Engel of New York. They say a remake of the agency has long been needed to meet rapid changes in communication technology that find Russia and China seizing the initiative in the modern information arena.

The V.O.A.ís nine-member board of part-time governors has been criticized repeatedly for mismanagement and dysfunction. While serving as secretary of state, Hillary Rodham Clinton complained last year that the board was ìpractically defunct in terms of its capacity to be able to tell a message around the world.î The House bill would downgrade the board to an advisory role and create a full-time chief executive to oversee a broadcasting agenda in 43 languages to an audience of 123 million people. Three Radio Free outlets would be consolidated.

The proposed overhaul has understandably alarmed members of the V.O.A. news staff who fear that it will undermine a congressional mission enacted in 1976 that, far from a propaganda agency, set its role as an ìaccurate, objective, and comprehensiveî source of news. Sponsors insist there will be firm safeguards against the government dictating news content, which will ultimately depend on the ability of the new chief executive to thread between the needs of news and government policy (NY Times via David Cole, OK, DXLD)

VOA THAI PROGRAMMING COUNTERS COUP
see original for linx:
http://www.insidevoa.com/content/voa-thai-programming-counters-coup/1921402.html

Washington, D.C., May 23, 2014 -- VOA responded to the Thai military's suspension of radio and television broadcasts by expanding its programming on satellite and digital media, adding two new time slots

to its news program, Hotline News.

"The takeover of the domestic media by the military in Thailand after the coup demonstrates the need for accurate and comprehensive reporting," said Steve Redisch, VOA Executive Editor. "The people of Thailand want to know what is happening in their own country, and VOA will do what it takes to keep them informed.

Hotline News is expanding from five to seven days a week. VOA's Thai Service will continue to broadcast on radio at its regular times of 6:00 a.m., 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Bangkok Time on AsiaSat 370. In addition, Hotline News will be simulcast on television, and the Internet at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Bangkok time. The news program will also be available on the Thai Service's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

"With our 40 FM affiliates off the air, having a direct-to-home satellite feed gives us the ability to broadcast Hotline News into Thailand," said Nittaya Maphungphong. "There is strong evidence that our audience is looking for new ways to get news from VOA. Our website traffic has jumped three fold and our Facebook page, which normally averages 6,000 to 7,000 views a week, increased to 202,000 this week."

VOA Bangkok Bureau Chief Steve Herman interviewed U.S. Ambassador to Thailand Kristie Kenney about the situation in Thailand and what it means for relations with the United States. Ambassador Kenney said, "The Thais will of course chart their own path. But as [U.S.] Secretary of State [John] Kerry has said, we really do call for an immediate return to a civilian government, the lifting of press restrictions, and respect for human rights and a path to elections."

Herman was one of the first to report on Twitter that a coup was under way in Thailand and that the military had suspended the constitution and broadcasting, including VOA programming. He and other VOA reporters continue to cover the military coup from Thailand.

For more information about this release, contact the VOA Public Relations office in Washington at (202) 203-4959, or write to publicrelations@voanews.com. For more information about VOA, visit the Public Relations website at http://www.insidevoa.com or the main news site at http://www.voanews.com
(VOA PR May 23 via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD)

VOA is in a somewhat awkward position since it depends on the Udorn relay for much of its SW output to Asia; but there has been no Thai on VOA shortwave for a long time, so no conflict there. Nor on the megawatt MW relay 1575 kHz closer to Bangkok, which is shared with the Thai government, whatever it may be. As a rule VOA eschews

broadcasting in the language of host relay countries. Still, it would not hurt to check some Udorn broadcasts to reconfirm all is well with them.

There are however some VOA and RFA SW broadcasts in Lao, which is very close to Thai. You can look up the current schedules for those in the WRTH A-14 supplement; I tire of waiting for that big pdf to download.

Note also S. Hasegawa`s post about NHK expanding broadcasts for Japanese in Thailand; however it looks like many of those frequencies were already routine for SE Asia. Also UK but above under THAILAND [non]: BBC has added more English hours specifically for Thailand (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. Re: KBC+VOA Radiogram 24-25 May

Am 19.05.2014 13:12, schrieb VOA Radiogram:

.....VOA Radiogram, program 60, 24-25 May 2014
This program will include two interesting stories about the Internet, but because of their length we will use the faster MFSK64 mode (240 words per minute). Apologies to those who do not receive 100% copy of the MFSK64 text because of challenging shortwave conditions.

No problems with the 16.00z-datacast on 17860 kHz here in Central Germany.

The Mighty KBC, transmitting from Germany, will continue its MFSK64 transmissions Saturdays at about 1130 UTC on 6095 kHz and Sundays at about 0130 UTC (Saturdays 9:30 pm EDT) on 9925 kHz. Reports to themightykbc@gmail.com.

The KBS-Radiogram with a hint to the very interesting picture-gallery of the KBC-listeners.

Both radiograms in one HTML here:
http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2014-05-24.htm
(roger, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 7460, PHILIPPINES. VOA - Tinang. Korean to EAs at 1240, NF ex 7225 and a lovely signal on May 22.

** U S A [non]. 15565. PHILIPPINES. VOA - Tinang. Burmese to SEAs at 1205 with news. Is this a NF? If so, it's a poor one as it cops jamming meant for the Voice of Tibet service at the same time. Fair signal on May 25. 73's (Rob Wagner VK3BVW, http://www.medxr.blogspot.com ARDXC via DXLD)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1721 monitoring: confirmed on new WBCQ broadcast, Wednesday May 21 at 2100 on webcast, but JBA carrier here on 7490v.

WORLD OF RADIO 1722 monitoring: confirmed on first SW airing, UT Thursday May 22 at 0330 on WRMI-10, 9955 ñ barely, as weak signal vs pulse jamming; tnx a lot, Arnie! Also confirmed on next airing, Thursday May 22 at 1230 on WRMI-10, 9955; also with pulse jamming, TALA, but generally readable above it.

As usual, this airing is disturbed by WRMI itself, turning on the WRMI-11 transmitter about 1257 with open carrier overriding most of WRMI-10 and the jamming; 1258 adding modulation for one minute of clear WOR until over. 1259 ID by the sports guy, but no `Scoreboard`, just fill music, and 1300 into unID preacher. Next:

Thu 2100 on WBCQ, 7490v, NEW! (How far does this get out in sprummer?)
Thu 2101 on WTWW, 9475
UT Fri 0327v on WWRB, 5050 (we hope; something else aired last week)
Sat 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio, 7265-CUSB
Sat 2330 on WTWW, 9930 (we hope; missing lately)
UT Sun 0030 on WRMI, 9495 (could be previous edition)
UT Sun 0401 on WTWW, 5830
UT Mon 0300 on Area 51 via WBCQ, 5110v-CUSB
Tue 1100 on WRMI, 9955
Wed 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio, 7265-CUSB
Wed 1315 on WRMI, 9955
Wed 2100 on WBCQ, 7490v, NEW
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9955, WRMI, 22/05 0330 UT. Inicio del programa ´World of Radioª a cargo de Glenn Hauser con noticias diexistas sobre varios paÌses, destacando a Radio BolÌvar desde Per˙. SINPO: 44343 con mucho ruido durante 5 minutos que van desde las 0345 hasta las 0351, presuntamente el Cuban Noise Jammer (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo 30 metros, QTH: Ovalle centro, IV regiÛn, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

WORLD OF RADIO 1722 monitoring: confirmed starting at 2100:29 May 22 on WTWW-1, 9475. Also newly scheduled on WBCQ, 7490v, 2100 Thursdays, but only a JBA carrier here. Webcast reveals it`s a replay of last week`s WOR 1721. Seems the WBCQ automation needs tweaking to get the latest show on promptly.

5050, UT Friday May 23 from 0327:10, WOR 1722 confirmed back on WWRB after missing a few weeks; previous preacher was cut off about 10 seconds earlier for a respectful pause. Also on delayed webcast which continues to be at very low level, but usable if volume boosted all

the way up; at first despite the low level, WOR audio input was overmodulated, distorted, then backed off. Next:

Saturday 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio, 7265-CUSB
Saturday 2330 on WTWW-2, 9930 (but not lately)
UT Sunday 0030 on WRMI-14, 9495 (may be previous episode)
UT Sunday 0400 on WTWW-1, 5830
UT Monday 0300 on Area 51 via WBCQ-4, 5110v-CUSB
Tuesday 1100 on WRMI-10, 9955
Wednesday 0620 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio, 7265-CUSB
Wednesday 1315 on WRMI-11, 9955
Wednesday (& Thursday?) 2100 on WBCQ-1, 7490v

WORLD OF RADIO 1722 monitoring: confirmed Saturday May 24 at 2330 on WTWW-2, 9930, after missing a few weeks; excellent signal. Also confirmed UT Sunday May 25 at 0400:26 on WTWW-1, 5830. However, I missed confirming which edition was on WRMI-14, 9495, UT Sunday at 0030. Next: UT Monday 0300 on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9495, WRMI, 25/05 0045 UT. Programa `World of Radio` con informaciones sobre emisoras desde China, India, Mongolia, et al. SINPO: 44444 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Ant: hilo 30 metros, QTH: Ovalle centro, IV regiÛn, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

This UT Sunday 0030 broadcast is moving to 5015, ex-9495, so should be inaudible in most of North America (gh)

WORLD OF RADIO 1722 monitoring: confirmed UT Monday May 26 after 0300 on Area 51 via WBCQ, 5110v-CUSB and webcast. Next: Tue 1100 & Wed 1315 on WRMI 9955.

WORLD OF RADIO 1722 monitoring: confirmed on WRMI-11, 9955, Wednesday May 28 at 1315, good signal on NW beam. Also confirmed at new time on WBCQ, Wednesday 2100 on webcast, while 7490 is inaudible here. How is it closer to Monticello? Also replayed one more time on WRMI-10, 9955, UT Thursday May 29 at 0330, confirmed on webcast.

WORLD OF RADIO 1723:
Thursday 1230 on WRMI, 9955
Thursday 2100 on WTWW, 9475
Thursday 2100 on WBCQ, 7490 (we hope; last week replayed old show)
UT Friday 0326v on WWRB, 5050 (resumed last week after missings)
Saturday 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio, 7265-CUSB
Saturday 2330 on WTWW, 9930 (resumed last week after missings)
UT Sunday 0030 on WRMI, 9495 (may be previous show)
UT Sunday 0400 on WTWW, 5830
UT Monday 0300 on Area 51 via WBCQ, 5110v-CUSB

Tuesday 1100 on WRMI, 9955
Wednesday 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio, 7265-CUSB
Wednesday 1315 on WRMI, 9955
Wednesday 2100 on WBCQ, 7490
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 12105, May 22 at 1918 check, WTWW-3 is back to Bibling on the date we previously reported as target for resuming (and expanding) this programming. In the meantime, it was either off or simulcasting Brother Scare with WTWW-2, or carrying Ted Randall shows or even World of Radio at surprise times. Now it`s in Spanish; next check at 2013 in Portuguese; next2 check at 2112 it`s in French; next3 check at 0144 UT May 23, it`s off (but 1 & 2 are still on day channels 9475 & 9930). However, 12105 is still off next morning, no Russian or Arabic, still silent at 1505 check, clear for CODAR.

12105, May 24 at 0040, WTWW-3 is on with Russian --- not really straight Bibling, but rather dramatic reading with music. Next check at 0120, it`s off. Maybe we are in for another spate of unpredictable language rotation; the schedule on http://wtww.us/pages/schedule.php remains way out of date.

5085, May 24 at 0057, WTWW-2 with BS is on nite frequency already, not 9930; while 9475, May 24 at 0057, WTWW-1 with SFAW is still on day frequency, not 5830 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sure hope WTWW does NOT remain on 9930 kHz past 2359 UTC as they did on May 17/18 causing moderate interference to the Mighty KBC on 9925 kHz. This even after WTWW OM announces WTWW was leaving 9930 kHz. From 0000 UT WTWW mixing of 2 programs. Some religious talk and Brother Scare. Wrote owner/GM George McClintock asking why WTWW remained on 9930 kHz past scheduled close down. Of course, no answer. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, May 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12105, Sat May 24 at 1914, WTWW-3 is again with Spanish this hour and at 1956 recheck, Portuguese at 2030. 9475 WTWW-1 is as usual dring this bihour on Saturday afternoons presenting Ted Randall`s `QSO`. Seems things are changing at WTWW:

12105, WTWW-3, UT Sun May 25 at 0109, long sermon sounds like Pastor Pete Peters, normally only on the #1 transmitter.

9475, WTWW-1 is still on but with a music show, a non-Ted announcer presenting ``our next song tonight``, one after another, including: 0115, one by The Boatwrights (sp?), 0119 ``Beyond the Cross`` by the Booth Brothers; 0122 ``Driving Nail`` by Connie Smith; 0126 ``Hallelujah`` by the Boatwrights again; 0131, ``Amazing Grace`` on bagpipes by the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, ``will give you chills``.

Even an atheist can love that tune, but can`t help but cringe at ``I once was blind, but now I see`` --- how insulting to the unsighted! Afterwards, ``The Scriptures for America Music Showcase #69`` and into Proverbial reading. I was suspecting it was other than SFA, since PPP was on 12105.

After a while with The Mighty KBC et al., recheck 12105 just in time at 0150 for Ted Randall outroing ``A special presentation of The Bible Worldwide`` --- yes, it was [deceased] Pastor Peter J. Peters, address for this given as bible @ wtww.us and ``yes, we QSL``; some more music, but by 0155 it`s open carrier and presumably on the way off.

WTWW-2, 9930, meanwhile, after resuming WORLD OF RADIO until 2400, does QSY to 5085 and Ted Randall`s `QSO` show, so no more adjacent collision with The Mighty KBC on 9925, following a request from Kraig Krist --- see NETHERLANDS [non]. QSO still going at 0152 interviewing someham at Dayton.

BTW, for a change this Saturday night, these shows had no competition from any pirates, none heard on the 6.9 MHz band.

9475, May 25 at 1741, open carrier/dead air from WTWW-1; comes to life at 1800. 12105, WTWW-3, has preacher in English; 9930, WTWW-2, BS. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

May 25: WTWW 3 in Arabic to NoAm at new time 2239 on 12105 Lebanon, TN
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1iAGvTv7zU&feature=youtu.be
WTWW 3 in Yoruba to NoAm at new time 2305 on 12105 Lebanon, TN
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpRK_8qu_b4&feature=youtu.be
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I seriously doubt the intention is to broadcast these languages ``to NoAm`` as ultimate target (gh)

9475 & 12105, May 26 at 0122, two sermons not //, both SFAW?

12105, May 26 at 1804, WTWW-3 with Ted Randall announcing it as another ``Bible Worldwide Special``, not // 9475 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5830, WTWW with a sliver [sic] throated dude reading from the KJV of the Bible, and carrier cutouts for a few seconds at :55 and again for longer at :57-:02 and off again at :02:30-:03:15. The silver throat guy was done by then, and Scriptures for America with PPJP droned on and at :52 there was finally and ID and a request for money either directly to CO or to WWCR where you should mention it is for payment of PPPPPJP's transmitter costs. Good old Bible bumping music ("Nearer My God To Thee") starting at :55 "SFA/WBN" ID & WTWW ID at

0400 over PPPPPPPPPPPPPJP program ID. 4+5554 somewhat overmodulated. 0245-0401 15/May (Ken Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 23 May via DXLD)

Such are the risks of rerunning old, old tapes of dead people. PPP failed to prophesy that one day his legacy would no longer be on WWCR, but WTWW (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. 7490.065, WBCQ The Planet, Monticello, in English, some NY stories, at 2200 UT May 20, wandered some 5-10 hertz up (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) What does NY mean in this context? (gh, DXLD)

Hi Glenn, they featured some NY CITY stories reports, about Brooklyn, Central Park and other suburb native people. 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** U S A. Bayamo, Granma, Cuba (Jorge Verdecia RamÌrez) - Hola amigos de RMI. Desde Cuba os saluda su colega y amigo Jorge Verdecia. El prÛximo dia 13 de febrero cumplo 28 aÒos. Ustedes no necesitan presentaciÛn. Su voz ilumina m·s que su nombre. Son alegres, din·micos, entusiastas, sinceros y expresivos, lo cual los convierte en una de las voces m·s potentes de United States of America. Sin embargo, eso no les hace diferentes. Se definen como una emisora con todos sus defectos y virtudes, pero con un gran anhelo de compartir con los pueblos de LatinoamÈrica, el Caribe y el mundo. Son una emisora que ha sido destinada a hacer historia, pues su trabajo es motivaciÛn y ejemplo para millones de personas. Y no es su carisma lo que los ha llevado a esta posiciÛn, sino trabajar siempre de forma tan honesta, din·mica y muy activa. Desde Cuba y de parte de todos los pueblos de donde llega su voz, quisiera enviarles una calurosa felicitaciÛn, dese·ndoles m·s bendiciones de las que ya han recibido y han compartido con miles de personas. Gracias por todos estos aÒos de amor y complejidad y por de alguna manera formar parte de nuestras vidas. Saludos desde lo m·s profundo de mi corazÛn.

Curitiba, Paran·, Brasil (J˙lio CÈsar Pereira) - It is February 7th, 0040 GMT and as usual I am ejoying the Blues Radio International on 9955 kHz. I live downtown and WRMIís signal is strong enough to beat all the interference and noise. I can listen with the radioís own whip antenna. SINFO is 55445. Audio quality is excellent. I am also able to tune in this frequency 600 km down south in a small town where my parents live, and reception is even better. Keep the blues alive! (March WRMI Listener Correspondence Summary, May 25, via DXLD)

7730, 0406, WRMI Poor/fair with program from SGF (Star Global Family, Dominican Republic) with continuing sequence of weird ìrelaxingî music, telegraph/fax modulation, & SGF IDs until 0459 when WRMI ID

given - 20/4 (Kelvin Brayshaw, LEVIN, New Zealand, ATS-909, Tecsun PL660, 7.5m EWE, Coax Loop, May NZ DX Times via DXLD)

??? Where did you get that identity? It was that one-time special by STF Radio International from Toronto, nothing to do with the DR. STF stands for Super Time Force (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

7570, May 24 at 0058, open carrier/dead air from WRMI; 0100 comes alive with ID and into presumed TOM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9975, UT Sunday May 25 at 0549, surprised to find KVOH still on the air with jazz, VG signal with some hum. English service is still shown only as *0200-0400* on UT Sun & Mon: http://kvoh.net/wp-content/uploads/KVOH-Program-Grid-English.pdf

0559 announcement by host Pat Conrad, 0600 prayer interrupted by tone, more music, then says will be back with `Sunday Night Swing` as if this is end of Saturday show --- but 0615 recheck still on with music, unknown for how much longer. Did their automation get stuck on ``replay``? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ray Robinson, KVOH - Los ¡ngeles, explains why I was hearing 9975 on way late past 0600 UT May 25: ``Hi, Glenn. We were working at the transmitter site on Saturday evening, and left the tx on for an extra few hours. The automation did not "get stuck"! We were simply transmitting the playout that feeds the web stream in English daily from 2300 to 0700 UT. The programs you heard were, at 0549, a repeat (in progress) of the previous Saturday Night's Jazz Session, and at 0600 a repeat of last night's show, which had been broadcast earlier in the evening during our regular timeslot at 0300. The tone interruptions were due to work on the audio chain. We are aware of the hum, and will be tracking it down this week`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11980, May 25 at 1557, no signal from WHRI, which was on here a biweek ago in the afternoon for some carace; no doubt they will be broadcasting live the Indianapolis 500 today, no details known. I see on ABC/ESPN at 1600 UT, the drivers are praying that no one get killed, then Memorial Day taps and salutes, SSB NA, so it must be about to start, but on what SW frequency? Since the nation regrets soldiers KIA, why celebrate voluntary unnecessary risk-taking on a circular track to nowhere?

17610, May 25 at 1741, this turns out to be the Indianapolis 500 frequency from WHRI. Taken away from Brother Scare who is normally on here from 1600; it`s a toss-up which is more pointless, a greater waste of wattage. 17610 is available until 2400 but normally off by

1900; the ``Angel 6`` transmitter which is on 7385 at night. A quick scan of other bands finds no // varooming (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7505+, May 23 at 0050, WRNO is already on with gospel huxter, humbuzz, bigsig; just sloppy start-time or expansion from *0100? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7505.19v, WRNO, 0218, May 26. The usual programming of ìMaranatha Radioî with Pastor Ray Bentley; 0240 DW news; ID "WRNO on 75-05 kHz." (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7555, KJES (pretendida), 24/05 0116 UT. Sonido de portadora sobre la frecuencia con baja y mala modulaciÛn que no permite identificar la emisora. SINPO: 22222.

7505, KJES [pretendida] 25/05 0135 UT. Portadora abierta con algo de modulaciÛn con audio bajo con SINPO: 25121. En modo USB se escucha una voz de varÛn hablando de manera muy baja, y con pics que pueden hacerla perceptible por 1 segundo (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Ant: hilo 30 metros, QTH: Ovalle centro, IV regiÛn, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** U S A. 690, May 23 at 0526 UT, KGGF Coffeyville KS is still on with open carrier after ``sign-off`` just after 0500 UT, and presumably all-night until ``sign-on``. Under it I hear some French Canadian: see CANADA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1110, May 24 at 0140 UT, South Asian song vs KFAB talk, and somewhat nullable, making 212/minute = 3.53 Hz SAH. Has to be KVTT Mineral Wells TX; as mentioned with my log earlier this month, official FCC May sunset for it is 0130 UT, yet still on at 0146 UT; and 0147 UT, KVTT ID in English, plus more music. Even in June and July, that would be too late when the official sunsets are only 0145 UT. A PSSA was denied in 2007y when it was KJSA, so presumably still running 39 kW critical hours power; or if cheating anyway, why not keep it at 50? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1110, UT Sunday May 25 at 0140 UT, KFAB Omaha with Art Bell, and a caller discussing ``playing radio``, the FXwave (FM feeder) from C. Crane. Sounds a bit dated, as Art advises that web streaming is sufficient for voice, but marginal quality for music, as some guy is considering putting his show on the web. Aha, it seems ``Coast to Coast`` on UT Sundays at 0100-0500 UT is really from the archives:

``Art Bell: Somewhere in Time Sat 05-24: 6-10pm PT: Art Bell: Somewhere in Time returns to 2/1/96 for an evening of Open Lines,

including such topics as disease, the demise of the human race, UFOs, and hauntings``

I was also hearing some S Asian music underneath presumably KVTT TX cheating again, but tonight much weaker than KFAB even with Omaha nulled (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1290, May 23 at 1145 UT, Imus with guest sounding like Dolly Parton, but does she *look* like Dolly? Can`t tell. First possibility KWFS Wichita Falls TX, which is a talker. NRC AM Log shows Imus is on the CM = Cumulus Media network, and KWFS is too, but not on the Imus station finder. He is however on KOIL Omaha NE at 5-8 am CT,
http://www.imus.com/station-list/category/nebraska
so very likely thence. But that listing can`t be trusted as current:

Imus` only OK affiliate is shown as KRVT 1270 Tulsa, which is a neat trick since it`s been KTUZ in Spanish since January.

Dolly is not on the huge roster of guests in alfabetical order by first name or title at
http://www.imus.com/guests/
We may have to wait until next week for the daily guest list to catch up, as on May 23 it stops at May 21:
http://www.imus.com/guestbook/week/2014-05-18-to-2014-05-24
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1300, May 24 at 0137 UT, Rockies Radio Network, also mentions High Plains Radio, plugs a rodeo, during pause in silly ballgame; NW/SE, good peaks but total fadeouts. It must be KBRL, McCook NE, which is in that group
http://www.highplainsradio.net/
and the only 1300 on the Colorado Rockies network
http://colorado.rockies.mlb.com/col/schedule/col_schedule_tv_radio_affiliates.jsp
KBRL is 5000/136 watts U3. Has three major lobes, the one at 170 degrees close enough for us. Official May sunset is 0145 UT; June & July, 0215 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1510, May 24 at 0134 UT, ad in English mentioning area code 785, which is northern KS, and loops NNW; there is no het so KCTE Independence MO must really be off the air, and this is the Larned KS station KNNS, no longer Spanish, as in NRC AM Switch 14 March 2014:

``1510 KNNS KS Larned ñ Format: TLK (was SS:MEX) Slogan Update: "The Patriot" Network Update: Fox/Ru/P/WW1 Adds //KRMR-105.7``

Larned, southwest of Great Bend, and KNNS`s address is there, is axually in the 620 area code, but not far from the 785 boundary, no doubt within its coverage area and/or that of its FM (Glenn Hauser,

OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1530, May 24 at 0605 UT, ``KLBW, 1530, The Light and KLBW1530.com``, loud YL ID, preceded and followed by soft modulation if any. But not soft enough: this is a 2.5 kW ND daytimer ONLY, in New Boston TX, which is in the extreme NE corner, so far out, that if you head due north you`ll be in AR instead of OK; just west of Texarkana TX & AR. It is of course a religious station, which nullo modo keeps it from breaking the law (just ask Tony Al·mo). Or was it an unpublicized DX test? Ha.

1530, May 25 at 0605 UT, KLBW ID by YL like exactly 24 hours earlier; her voice really stands out amid lots of QRM, including a fast SAH, caused by KLBW or not? This is the 2.5 kW ``daytimer`` in New Boston TX.

1530, May 27 at 0605 UT, KLBW still cheating, YL canned ID to ``Like us on Facebook, or KLBW1530.com`` and usual fast SAH; 0612 UT another ID as ``1530 The Light, KLBW1530.com``, separable from and certainly more pleasant than Brother Scare on WCKY. This is the 2.5 kW DAYTIMER in New Boston, northeast corner of Texas. I`d ``like`` it if they would obey the rules; but also would ``like`` it if other DXers have caught it as a result of my tips.

That URL forwards to: http://klbw1530.weebly.com/ which is titled ``Solid Gospel KLBW 1530 New Boston The Light of Bowie County`` but presenting a ``feed failed`` error message. It`s bare bones, and the LISTEN button leads instead to the other button, STAFF!
http://klbw1530.weebly.com/on-air-staff.html
by time block, and guess what, they do have staff for night: Jeremy Sweat at 7 pm-midnight, and Ed Evans at midnight - 5 am. So their cheating is institutionalized (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1530, May 28 at 0604, one more check for KLBW cheatin` daytimer heard three previous nites around now: instead frequency dominated by music, ``Baby-Love``, about same NW/SE bearing as for New Boston TX, but is opposite, ``Good Time Oldies on the I-25 Radio Network``, which means Colorado: KCMN Colorado Springs, but it`s got to be cheatin` too, as NRC AM Log shows it with 15000 watts day/00015 watts night! U1 i.e. non-direxional day and night. Will be interesting to follow which one is heard subsequently (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. I stumbled upon two presumed Part 15 stations on 1610 kHz while researching something else. I've not seen these reported, granted nowhere near me:
NEW MEXICO Cloud 1610 AM - High Mountain Community Radio, Cloudcroft.

Western Swing music, located in downtown Cloudcroft.
http://www.cloud1610am.com/
(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See too OKLAHOMA

** U S A. FLORIDA. NOTE: Logs appended [MOBI] were made while mobile/driving on the stock car radio.

Logs appended [MANA] were made at Manasota Key, Florida with various but mostly multiple Collins and a Yaesu FRF-100 radio courtesy of Paul V Zecchino.

Logs appended [BOCA] were made at Lighthouse Beach Park, Boca Grande (island), Florida with a Sony ICF-7600GR.

Logs not appended were made at the Clearwater, FL QTH.

1260, WFTW, Ft. Walton Beach. 2121 May 24, 2014. News/talk. lear/fair. [BOCA]

1340, WTIS, Sebring. 2118 ay 24, 2014. Nostalgia format, Highland County weather. [BOCA]

1350, WCRM, Lehigh Acres. 2119 May 24, 2014. Local level and horribly overmodulated with Kreyol man rambling talk. [BOCA]

1500, WKIZ, Key West. 2108 May 24, 2014. Spanish with Christian theme talk, very good. [BOCA] and 0652 May 24, 2014 with Spanish vocals, Spanish announcer with 305 area code. [MANA]

1640, (TIS), WQMZ864, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers. 2110 May 24, 2014. Compu-female with "... traffic information, dial 511... Attention all motorists driving I-75... WQMZ864, broadcasting on 1640 AM..." Very good, DFing E/W. Site per FCC dB. [BOCA]

1650, (TIS), WQQY809, FDoT, Skyway Bridge North. City: Saint Petersburg, FL. County: PINELLAS. Coordinates: 27 40' 0.0" N, 82 41' 0.0" W, Good signal and audio on bridge approach. [MOBI]

1650, (TIS), WQQY809, FDoT, Skyway Bridge South. City: Terra Ceia, FL. County: MANATEE. Coordinates: 27 35' 0.0" N, 82 36' 0.0" W, Good signal. [MOBI]

1650, (TIS), WQQY908, FDoT, I-275 @ Highway 41. City: Palmetto, FL. County: MANATEE. Coordinates: 27 35' 9.0" N, 82 32' 26.0" W, Good signal. [MOBI]

1650, (TIS), WQRX912, FDoT, I-75 & US 301, MM 225.2. City: Ellenton, FL. County: MANATEE. Coordinates: 27 32' 1.0" N, 82 30' 33.0" W,

Live recorded male loop, "This is a test of the Highway Advisory Radio System, May 7, 2014. This is only a test." [MOBI]

1650, (TIS), WQRX912, FDoT, I-75 & SR 64, MM 221.2. City: Bradenton, FL. County: MANATEE. Coordinates: 27 29' 29.0" N, 82 28' 18.0" W. Same loop as I-75 & US 301. [MOBI]

1650, (TIS), WQRX912, FDoT, I-75 & SR 70, MM 217.7. City: Bradenton, FL. County: MANATEE. Coordinates: 27 26' 28.0" N, 82 27' 32.0" W. Same loop as I-75 & US 301 only stating May 8. [MOBI]

1650, (TIS), WQRX912, FDoT, I-75 & University Pkwy, MM 214.0. City: Sarasota, FL. County: SARASOTA. Coordinates: 27 23' 18.0" N, 82 26' 54.0" W. This is Exit 213, and was relaying NOAA Weather Radio WWG59 162.4 MHz from Venice continuously. [MOBI]

1650, (TIS), WQRX912, FDoT, I-75 & SR 780, MM 210.5. City: Sarasota, FL. County: SARASOTA. Coordinates: 27 20' 18.0" N, 82 26' 47.0" W. Exit 210. This one consisted of either six or seven telephone keypad dial tones followed by a distorted one syllable word repeatedly cycling. Quite annoying. [MOBI]

1650, (TIS), WQRX888, FDoT, I-75 & Clark Rd, MM 205.6. City: Sarasota, FL. County: SARASOTA. Coordinates: 27 16' 11.0" N, 82 26' 55.0" W. Same loop as I-75 & US 301 (back to "May 7"). [MOBI]

1650, (TIS), WQRX888, FDoT, I-85 & SR 681, MM 200.2. City: Sarasota, FL. County: SARASOTA. Coordinates: 27 11' 30.0" N, 82 26' 16.0" W. Same loop as I-75 & US 301 ("May 7"). [MOBI]

1650, (TIS) WQRX888, FDoT, I-75 & Jacaranda Blvd, MM 193.4. City: Venice, FL. County: SARASOTA. Coordinates: 27 6' 39.0" N, 82 23' 4.0" W. Exit 193. Same loop as I-75 & US 301 ("May 7"). This is where I exited the Interstate, so the last two southernmost TIS's on 1650 were not heard. [MOBI]

1650, (TIS), WQRX888 FDoT, I-75 & Sumter Blvd, MM 182.4. City: North Port, FL. County: SARASOTA. Coordinates: 27 5' 54.0" N, 82 12' 12.0" W. Listed in the FCC dB but not heard due to exiting at Exit 193. [MOBI]

1650, (TIS), WQRX888, FDoT, I-75 & Toledo Blade, MM 179.5. City: North Port, FL. County: SARASOTA. Coordinates: 27 5' 56.0" N, 82 9' 20.0" W. Listed in the FCC dB but not heard due to exiting at Exit 193. [MOBI] (Terry L Krueger, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1700, KKLF, Richardson TX, Dominating 1700 here in late May, identification for ìKick 1700î noted at 0600 UT on 30 May (Bryan Clark

at Mangawhai (Northland), North Island, New Zealand, with Drake SPR4, AOR7030+, EWEs to North, Central & South America, 100m BOG to NE and Alpha Delta Sloper antennas, May NZ DX Times via DXLD) Date can`t be right as this was already published by 27 May (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. Someone is running talk radio on 87.5 FM in Springfield, Missouri. I haven't been able to tell if they ever give any type of *ID*, but the signal covers most of the city. This morning it was government opinion talk. Just one announcer - very slow paced almost stopping to gather his thoughts once in awhile. Drove me nuts just listening to him completing one sentence. This afternoon is drive-time style talk radio (I think they are stealing it from someone else).

Not sure where in the city it`s originating from. I can only get it on the car radio (which tunes down to 87.7), but I can tell its actually broadcast on 87.5 (Jim Thomas, Springfield, Missouri, May 22, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. 90.7, May 22 at 0152 UT as I am looking for Es from Ontario on reverse path, instead I find Harold Camping on a frequency where I don`t normally hear him, too steady to be Es; 0158 ``Be Still, My Soul``, 0159 ID for Family Radio, KEAF-FM, Fort Smith AR. WTFDA FM database shows power as 26 kW vertical only, and HAAT of 636 meters, which is way up there. Must be on a mountain, but not Mount Magazine where KMAG 99.1 is, per its different coordinates, but achieving only 600m HAAT.

93.1, May 22 at 0157 UT, two ads for something in Batesville AR, i.e., KZLE, 99 kW H & V at 300 meters. A good haul on the portable with whip only, city-to-city distance of 565 km = 351 statute miles = 305 nautical miles (good to know in case of a flood) (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Hello Glenn! Es map showed a "cloud" over Western Iowa and an MUF over 130 MHz yesterday eve, so I headed for the car radio. CO, WY and West NE blasting in all through the FM band into the 107s. Most interesting catches were K-LOVE KLWV WY blasting over WILL Urbana IL on 90.9, Denver's Channel 6 LP TV station KXDP running the audio as an FM station, and 500-watt KVAM Kimball, NE all alone for awhile on 88.3. Wish I had an RDS-reading radio handy, but still a good haul. Thank you and hope you have been catching some Es, (Eric Loy, Catlin IL, May 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Finally getting some sporadic E FM DX after several good TV openings. Lacking analog TV in the US on lower channels (except low power), it`s not always obvious when the FM band is open. Sunday May 25, using only the DX-398 or PL-880 at ground level with whips only: sometimes I am getting two different DX stations on the same frequency

due to antenna orientations; rather hectic. Strong signals occupying normally weak or open frequencies are a good tipoff that it`s DX. Most of the recordings are off the DX-398. This entire session was at my computer desk but with computer off due to the hash it puts out, not only on MF, HF but VHF.

(However, with groundwave and probably skip, I have noticed that my TV antenna mast about 12 feet away, and about 21 feet above ground, influences what I get on FM, sort of focusing or reflecting signals, without any electrical connexion?)

Details researched primarily from http://db.wtfda.org --- also W9WI.com and sometimes FCC FM Query. Approximate city-to-city distances from http://distancefromto.net are in format: km/statute miles/nautical miles. All times UT, May 25!

1949 on 93.5, ``Let It Be`` ending, and ``always back in less than a minute, Thunder 93.5, Aspen`s classic hits``. That`s a good start! KTND, 21 kW, 109m AAT, and the average terrain there is high! (Mostly I`ll skip the antenna heights, not relevant for skip.) Distance: 845 km = 525 smi = 456 nmi from Aspen, Colorado.

1952 on 97.5, ID in passing as KGAC (?), CCI from Alva. No match for KGAC or KGAZ or translator of one of those. Possibly it was Alva, really KPAK, and the CCI the DX:

1959 on 97.5, NBC Sports Radio mixed with KPAK ID (KPAK is classic rock). No NBC Sports on 97.5 listed in WTFDA. Station finder on http://nbcsportsradio.com is too specific, defaulting to your own state and the show currently on schedule. However, broad Google search on ``NBC Sports Radio`` 97.5 leads to KZNS-FM, Coalville UT, ``The Zone``. Merely ``sports`` in WTFDA, main transmitter is 89 kW at 647m HAAT but they also have five co-channel 97.5 translators elsewhere in UT from 49 watts to 2.2 kW, with calls ending in FM3, FM4, FM5, FM6 and FM7 in Ogden, Provo, Bountiful, Salt Lake City, North Salt Lake City. Coalvillle is halfway to Wyoming on I-80 east of SLC. Distance 1277/794/689.

All this justifies rotating my TV antenna CCW from south to northwest! And looking for lowband DTV signals. And there they are after 2000 UT, ``bad`` ones registering on both RF channels 2 and 3. I take turns sitting on each hoping for a breakthru to ``good``.

``Full``-power RF 2s in the CO/UT region are: KREX ``5`` 800 watts in Grand Junxion CO; KSNV ``3``, 27.7 kW in Las Vegas NV; and KOTA ``3``, 18.2 kW in Rapid City SD (no KJWY in Jackson WY tho still on Hepburn`s map; it was low power and moved to Delaware!) (KNOP ``2`` North Platte NE, often seen by others, is too close to here, 584 km = 363 smi = 315

nmi). I got KOTA! See below.

``Full``-power 3s anywhere in the region are only: KYUS ``3`` just 1.3 kW in Miles City MT; and KDLO ``3`` 14.4 kW, Florence SD (often seen in the analog era).

2006 on 88.3, NPR news intro audible, presumably Weekend ATC. Could just be KOSR Stillwater OK, the local fill-in for KOSU moved to OKC; Searching on 88.3 and NPR, WTFDA gets only one hit, for KCLU-FM in Thousand Oaks CA, certainly possible, but there are bound to be many others. A drawback of that DB: it doesn`t include network affiliations per se, but KCLU happens to mention NPR among its slogans and PS info.

W9WI.com also has an FM database, and here
http://www.w9wi.com/web/fm-channels/202.html
there are many, many NPRs listed, but NOT including KOSR or KCLU!

2009 on 87.9, rock music, ``K-Love`` ID. This is on the DX-398, not on the PL-880. Weak but steady, suspect local image/mix but can`t make a match on the other receiver; but did I check 105.5? Databases show a possibility, K200AA on 87.9, 28-watt translator in Sun Valley NV, a CSN International station, which is one of those massive gospel huxter satellator networks, but the same as K-Love? Maybe not; K-Love mailing address is Omaha NE, while CSN I think is out of Twin Falls ID. I don`t find any connexion with CSN on the K-Love website.

2013 on 93.3, mentioning Rocky Mountain Power, ad for bulbs and air conditioners from Sutherlands. RMP service area is a lot of Utah, some of Wyoming and a bit of Idaho, but not Colorado:
https://www.rockymountainpower.net/about/cf/sam.html

Sutherlands operates in UT and WY, so maybe KUBL 93.3 Salt Lake City. (But also in OK, so that might also have been CCI from OKC`s KJKE.) But surely nothing about Rocky Mountain Power on an OK station.

2016 on 88.1, RDS shows KVSC, and fades in Spanish music. KVSC 88.1 is definitely in St Cloud MN, but listed as adult alternative; presumably two different stations. After getting at least two other stations on 88.1, at 2039 I see the KVSC is still showing on the RDS, not having been overwritten, so photo it while hearing CKSB French [see CANADA].
http://www.w4uvh.net/KVSCrds.jpg

2020 on RF 2, DTV decodes, looks like a surf scene, only for a few seconds. Bring up the PSIP and get a definite ID for KOTA-TV 3-1. That`s Rapid City SD, which I had seen many times on RF3 in the analog era. I hasten to get a photo, but too late, it`s gone. Distance 968/602/523.

DTV DX by Es has been VERY elusive for me; in fact, I think this is my *first* such Es DX ID after all these years; had near miss with WBRA RF3 in Virginia in 2009y.

2003 on 88.1, ``88.1 The Bridge`` promo for a 3-8 pm program in ``The Valley``. WTFDA db has no Bridge on 88.1! But Googling leads right to KTFY Twin Falls ID, which is really Buhl ID in WTFDA, 60 kW vertical only, contemporary Christian. The Bridge again at 2034 with God promo, CCI from CBC French; see below. I have just started recording now.
http://www.w4uvh.net/KTFY.mp3
Distance 1602/996/865.

2026 on 2, algo in analog; opening probably getting into CANADA now: see concurrent loggings under that heading!

2027 on 92.7, ads for Sam`s Club, and REI Outdoors, singing ID for KTPZ and I see it on the RDS. KTPZ is 4.9 kW H&V in Hazelton ID. At 2028, I see a different RDS: MONSTER. But per WTFDA that must also be KPTZ, ``Music Monster`` slogan, tho not listed in the RDS field.
Distance 1554/966/839.

2045 on RF 5, a `bad` DTV signal by Es. Hepburn maps shows only three likely in the area: KXGN, 1 kW in Glendive MT; KIVV, 9.2 kW in Lead [``Leed``] SD; and WBKP, 6.4 kW in Calumet UPMI. Hastings NE is really too close; WOI Ames IA is 452 miles, also unlikely by Es but possible.

2055 on 92.9, rock music, presumably not Tulsa. At 2138, hard rock with RDS showing X93 1 (with spaces in there). WTFDA db gets no 92.9 hits on X-93 or X93, but searching all stations in MN and WI gets this which is likely it:
WECL 92.9 ELK MOUND WI, 3.3/3.3 kW H&V, ``92.9 THE X`` format: ACTIVE ROCK. Distance: 1078/680/582

2058 on 89.1, native chanting with thunder(?) SFX, CCI; 2059 ``Ojibwe 89.1`` ID mixing with WPR. It`s near Duluth:
WGZS 89.1 CLOQUET MN, 50/50 kW, 89.1 THE MOON ETHNIC NATIVE AMERICAN.
Distance: 1234/767/666

2058 on 89.1, Wisconsin Public Radio ID mixing with Ojibway above:
WHAA 89.1 ADAMS WI, 28.5/28.5 kW, HD, IDEAS NETWORK, NEWS/TALK.
Distance: 1084/674/586

2108 on RF3, bar from a bad DTV signal, most likely KDLO in SD again.

2114 on 90.7, ``Res Radio --- 90.7 FM`` As in Indian Reservation. Must be an informal name, but I found one hit from a powwows.com forum guy who says ``IM A DJ AT OUR REZ RADIO. 90.7FM K.A.B.U``, i.e.:
KABU 90.7 FORT TOTTEN ND, 28/28 kW, ETHNIC/VARIETY NATIVE AMERICAN.

That is in northeastern ND, distance 1293/803/698.

2116 on 89.3, ``The Current from Minnesota Public Radio``, recorded.
http://www.w4uvh.net/KCMP1.mp3
2151 in again and recorded again, ``The Current on Minnesota Public Radio``; 2152 Twin Cities weather. Beastie Boys, ``Make Some Noise on 89-3 The Current``
http://www.w4uvh.net/KCMP2.mp3

This is what has become of the lamented defunct WCAL:
KCMP 89.3 NORTHFIELD MN, 97.6/97.6 kW H/V, HD 168F 89.3 The Current - Title/Artist Great music lives here 89.3 the current 89.3 THE CURRENT ADULT ALTERNATIVE. Distance: 982/610/530.

2118 on 90.7, low-key talk about Benny Goodman, Gunther Schuller, swing band movement. Can`t find any programs to match on MPR, WPR schedules, each of which has two stations on 90.7, nor in ND or IA. No Canadians likely. Ideas?
http://www.w4uvh.net/90.7unID.mp3

2122 on 89.3, NPR ATC. Not necessarily same station, ATC again at 2151 as CCI to KCMP and I notice that it`s several seconds behind KOSU 91.7 which I know is already delayed to match its IBOC. Probably MPR`s other station on its news/talk network, WIRC in Ely:
WIRC 89.3 ELY MN, 18.5/18.5 kW, HD, MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO NEWS/TALK.
Ely is way up next to the Ontario border, distance 1373/853/741.

2129 on 90.7, ``107 KSLT`` is mentioned, CCI to the unID nostalgia station above. KSLT is 107.1 100/100 kW in Spearfish SD, ``POWER 107.1``, CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN, but why is it mentioned on 90.7? Well, there is a 90.7 also in Spearfish, so are they related?
KJKT 90.7 SPEARFISH SD, 0.7/0.7 kW, THE BUZZ ADULT ALTERNATIVE.
In fact, they are on the same tower near Lead SD, per rabbitears.info but FCC FM Query shows quite different licensees. Could be that KSLT is related to a religious 90.7 elsewhere in SD, but both of them appear to be satellators from beyond:
K216EY [relaying:] WJFM, 90.7 YANKTON SD, 0.092/0.092 kW, THE SONLIFE RADIO NETWORK RELIGION --- and:
KGHW 90.7 ONIDA SD, 0.125/0.125 kW, RADIO 74 INTERNATIONAL RELIGION

2129 on 94.9, ``Great Hits 95`` slogan, poor. No ``hits`` on that, but maybe I misheard it, such as:
KLCH 94.9 LAKE CITY MN, 5.0/5.0 kW, LAKE HITS 95 OLDIES. Distance: 1014/630/548
Or could it be 100 kW KCMO-FM Kansas City? Too close for Es, under 300 miles, but maybe a bit of extended groundwave. They go by ``Kansas City's Greatest Hits!!!`` but apparently 94.9, not rounding to 95.
BTW, I`m still getting ch 4 from Brandon MB.

2139 on 92.9, a bit of classical music CCI to the hard rock X93 above traced to WECL in Elk Mound WI, so surely:
WSCD-FM 92.9 DULUTH MN 70/70 kW, HD 8467 WSCD - MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO CLASSICAL. Distance: 1252/778/676

2139 on 89.3, classical with RDS MPR with spaces before and after; photographed. http://www.w4uvh.net/MPRrds.jpg
MPR has three stations on 89.3, but only one is classical:
KRSW 89.3 WORTHINGTON MN, 100/100 kW, HD 3ECE Music - MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO CLASSICAL. The others being KCMP, The Current, Northfield already heard above; and WIRC in Ely but it`s on the news/talk network. Distance from Worthington: 827/514/447.

2159 on 89.3, multi-station ID as ``a listener supported station; to donate visit lifetalkradio.org``. Poor signal on recording, hard to copy details, and at end fades over to semi-local KIEL Loyal OK ID: http://www.w4uvh.net/KOPJKIEL.mp3

With WTFDA db info, and what I could make out of the announcement:
WYNJ 89.5 BLACKDUCK MN, 0.8/0.8 kW, RELIGION ñ by elimination
WHPJ 88.7 HIBBING MN, 6.0/6.0 kW, RELIGION
KOPJ 89.3 SEBEKA MN, 99.23/99.23 kW, LIFE TALK RADIO RELIGION
KOLJ-FM 91.7 WARROAD MN, 0.25/0.25 kW, LIFETALK RADIO RELIGION
K228EW KOPJ 93.5 BEMIDJI MN, 0.25/0.25 kW, LIFE TALK RADIO RELIGION

Searching on Lifetalk or life talk slogans in WTFDA leads only to KOPJ = the one I am hearing, KOLJ, and to K228EW. But the other two fit the frequencies and locations mentioned so also part of this group. I had copied the 91.7 as ``Melrose`` instead of Warroad (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 88.1, May 27 at 1522 UT, Es signal fades in after sitting on this frequency for about an hour, knowing there is a 6m Es opening over much of the USA. Hard rock music, and back out.

1534 UT on 88.1, another fade in, slogan ``real music for real life, Joy FM``. Searching WTFDA db on Joy FM and 88.1 gets three hits, any of which are possible, but note the power disparity between the two related Florida stations:

WJIS 88.1 BRADENTON FL, 100.0/100.0 kW, 6D4E TheJoyFM - THE JOY FM NETWORK, CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN
WHIJ 88.1 OCALA FL, 1.25/1.25 kW, THE JOY FM NETWORK, CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN
WPIR 88.1 HICKORY NC, 26.5/21.0 kW H/V, JOY FM, SOUTHERN GOSPEL.
From the brief bit of music heard, I would lean toward contemporary Christian rather than southern gospel (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** U S A. A radio station divided: national headquarter occupation is sign of greater discord. . . http://www.dailycal.org/2014/05/21/radio-station-divided-national-headquarter-occupation-greater-sign-discord

Pacifica has been in turmoil one way or another for as long as I can remember. WBAI [99.5] in New York City has been in the news recently for its discord (Dennis Gibson, WB6TNB, May 23, Sent from my iPad, ABDX via DXLD)

Just recently saw a documentary on WBAI in its heyday, 1960s-70s, on Free Speech TV. It was quite good and worth the viewing: "Radio Unnamable." http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1541153/?ref_=fn_tt_tt_1 (dogonezz, ibid.)

** U S A. 88.5, WCTP, Gagetown, MI (6 kW) (1715 16/May) -- I'm just going to put Rob's comments here verbatim:

"I am doing some paperwork here in the shack and have 88.5 WCTP FM Gagetown, MICHIGAN (6 kW'er) playing in the background. They play GOSPEL but it's that real TWANGY down home stuff which sorta gets yer foot tapping!!! Anyway. They just had a a local spot for: "THE BADASS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" I'm pretty sure that's what the Old Boy on the Mic said!! I think he said it was located in Bad Ass, Michigan!!! HAHHAHAHHAHA. Bring on the E-Skip!!!!" (Robert Ross, London ON, MARE Tipsheet 23 May via DXLD)

Yes, it is Bad AXE, but the locals do slur a lot, and this isn't too hard to imagine you are hearing ASS. Apparently this 6 kW carries well across the water because they are a 'local' to me in Port Hope, and sometimes they don't come in so well there! (Ken Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 23 May via DXLD)

** URUGUAY. 6076.54, May 23 2029, Estimados; La voz de Artigas est· llegando en estos momentos en la banda de 49 metros, por la frecuencia de 6076.54 kHz (Arnaldo Slaen via ConDigList, via SW Bulletin May 25 via DXLD)

6076.54, CX118, Radio La Voz de Artigas, Artigas, 2015-2045, May 23, Spanish, Romantic songs, local ads: ìÖel primer hipermercado de frutas y verduras de Artigas informaÖ..î, Announcement and identification as: ìa la manera de La Voz de ArtigasÖî, SINPO: 4.4.2.3.2 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Aldito, buenas, amigo. AquÌ llega y lo deduzco por tu info y el batido

en SSB. Est·n pasando m˙sica, 2032 UT. Buen finde y salud al pueblo argentino este 25! (ce3BBC, Hugo LÛpez C., Santiago de Chile, ibid.)

6076.54, May 23 2135. After reading the above log in my mail I checked the frequency at 2135 and there was indeed a weak carrier. At 2356 the signal was a little bit stronger and maybe also with some weak audio at that time. See screenshot below. If not traces of LV de Artigas, what else? Also noted on May 24 at 2215, then too weak for audio. Also Arne Nilsson up in the north noted this carrier at 0000z. He also reports the carrier is gone at 0100z. Maybe after all it was LV de Artigas we heard back in Aug & Sept 2011?? (Thomas Nilsson, ƒngelholm, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 25 via DXLD)

** VANUATU. 7259.940, VBT Radio Vanuatu, Port Vila, fair signal just above threshold logged at 0920 UT May 22 (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Must be on another remote rx

[and non]. 7259.940, VBT, Radio Vanuatu, Port Vila, fair signal just above threshold logged at 0920 UT May 22. - Same tiny Vanuatu signal at 0952 UT on May 29, suffered by even frequency signal from Mongolian Radio Ulan Bataar, which time pips at 0959:25 UT were 'fast 35 seconds' ahead of UTC standard time (Wolfgang Buschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 29 via DXLD)

** VATICAN [non]. 15470, May 25 at 1228, pop song of some sort, 1230 Vatican Radio theme and opening Chinese. This one is via RVA, Palauig, PHILIPPINES; meanwhile VR also on 15440, 1230 in Russian via IBB Tinang, PHILIPPINES (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 9839.850, Voice of Vietnam, San Toy site, in Indonesian at 1030 UT May 22, news by two male reader, on Pres. Aquino, Sindabad, S=9+5dB or -68dBm. Scheduled 1030-1100 UT (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN. Unscheduled broadcast of Radio Sanaa in Arabic was noted on May 24: 1900-1915 on 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME. Video on May 24 at 1904 UT
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/05/unscheduled-broadcast-of-radio-sanaa-in.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 960, May 23 at 0504 UT just before the KGWA Foxhole of dead but hummy air concludes, I can make out amid the CCI, once again the orchestral version of ``Let It Be``, which somestation apparently plays (almost?) every night around this time. Would appreciate those further from Enid checking for this (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Regarding your 960 UNID. Tune-in application for smartphones and I'm sure its online as well, is the best app I know of that streams any radio station. To my knowledge if it streams this site will have it in a few seconds delay. This is such a valuable tool since my ears aren't as they once were (Todd Skaine, Woodbury, MN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4451.1, looking for Bolivia, Radio Santa Ana, Santa Ana de Yacuma, 2330 to 2350 with fair signal in Spanish but two years since an ID on this one. 19 May (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 535D, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15070, Pirate Station (presumed), 2039 18-May. Heard OM English with accent; he gave a short ID but I couldn't understand it. He played one song I was familiar with, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Up Around the Bend. Another song sounded like ìLooking for a confrontation.î The signal was fading in and out 22222 (Vance, MI, MARE Tipsheet 23 May via DXLD)

Neither FRN or FRC show anything on this time/frequency, but it sounds like a Europirate to me. Ideas, anyone? (Ken Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 23 May via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15820? 1617 23/5 with religious program in Russian, 2 max, possibly spur found to be // 15730 Any ideas? Nothing other in the band found Video:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fhw_iFG7Hqg
(Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Can`t make anything out of the clip. No broadcasters listed on 15820 at any time. No Russian listed on 15730 at this time, nor on 15640, per Aoki (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 87.9 FM Creole? Maybe you can help me out with a really oddball reception. In my car I have been hearing a station on 87.9 FM with Caribbean sounding music, often with a jive disc jockey doing announces 'hot potting' his mic over the music. Sometimes it is just a disc jockey talking about whatever. The language is not English or Spanish or French. My best guess is Creole. I have heard the station at my home QTH - about 45 miles north of New York City. Today, I heard it quite strong in Brookfield, CT near Danbury.

It usually follows this sequence: I hear a fair blast of noise and E-skip-like fading followed by a strong burst of the station. Sometimes it hangs in for a long time - a few minutes. Sometimes it fades after only a few seconds. At its peak it is remarkably strong. As far as I can tell, it is not stereo. It sure sounds like good old analog E-skip to me. Regular noise floor silence can take over for very long periods

of time before another hit. It also seems to favour places of high altitude. This makes it more confusing. Is it actually a pirate down in NYC?

In any case, if you have any ideas on this one, I would be glad to listen. My FM band is even more clogged than Mike B's part of the world, so 87.9 has become my last and final DX window! Thanks for listening, (Karl Zuk N2KZ Katonah, NY, 1855 UT May 29, WTFDA via DXLD)

I'm in Poughkeepsie, 70 miles north of NY, and I haven't heard this; but then again I never tune below 88.1. Nothing but static on 87.9 now as I type this. I will give a listen when we get a bout of NYC tropo. The only thing I get on 87.9 is audio track at night for the local Drive In theatre, a couple of miles away. I was thinking this might be analog ch 6 audio from NYC. That's 87.75. I can't tune them in on my SONY, tuning is too sharp, but just now I was listening on my Tecsun portable, and they had something that sounded like Russian talk, not at all what you describe. Could be a pirate, but they seem to cover a large area. I'm interested to see what anyone else has to say. I'll keep checking (Chris Lucas - Poughkeepsie, NY - FN31bs, SONY XDR-F1HD Tuner, Channel Master 9-element Stereo Probe antenna @25', 145' HAAT, ibid.)

I've heard Russian often as well as some Caribbean programming. My NAD tuner tunes 87.75 with no problem (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, ibid.)

I've heard this same 87.9 from down here as well (60-70 miles from NYC depending on the borough). I've also noticed that same Es-like fading effect you described on the signal. I have no idea what causes it, but it certainly could be easily mistaken for the propagation and I think at other websites it in fact has been during times when there have been many TA 6-meter E-skip paths on the VHF maps. ñ (Nick Langan, Florence, NJ, My DX page: http://www.wnjl.com/dx/ ibid.)

I hear them pretty regularly in Central NJ. They are not as easy to receive at my office in Woodbridge which is within sight of the City. (Mike Hunter, ibid.)

100% a pirate from NYC. Some of them are powerful enough that it's no surprise you'd hear them that far north s (Scott Fybush, Rochester, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 96.3 MHz, TEXAS, 1730 May 26, 2014. "...is your number one RAM 1500 in Val Verde and Maverick Counties... 1700... Highway West... Graham..." KCOT, Cotulla seems to be the closest to these counties -- not real close -- but listed as only 300 watts, however with a CP to go 25 kW. So could it have been them at their new power? There is a Country Chrysler with a 3611 West Highway 90 in Del Rio, if

the correct dealership (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, HQ-180A, ICF-7600GR, Aqua Guide 705 RDF, DX-399, GE Superadio III, roof dipole, random indoor wire, active loop, Term MW loop, VHF/UHF handhelds etc. unless otherwise indicated, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 102.3: Arab station at 1700 [EDT?] 21 May. No ID, not in Michiguide, and I can't find a database on fcc.gov. Help! Plymouth (Liz Cameron, Belleville (etc) MI, MARE Tipsheet 23 May via DXLD)

http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/fm-query-broadcast-station-search is the best resource I know of. It shows two CPs and nothing active on this channel near where you were:

W272DG CP PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP MI 0.013 kW MI COMMUNITY RADIO
and
WEGV-LP CP ANN ARBOR MI 0.1 kW MAKE THIS WORLD FOUNDATION

I can't believe BOTH these would be approved as they would QRM each other, but it is a start. More ear time is clearly needed or perhaps an A2 member can help out. ANYONE ??????? (Ken Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 23 May via DXLD)

Hi Liz, This is a great resource for FM :
http://db.wtfda.org/
CINA FM 102.3 in Windsor is multilingual --- maybe that was your Arab
73, (Glenn Hauser, via DXLD)

CANADA. 102.3: CINA at 1400 with no ID, so (presumed) in Arabic. Many mentions of Detroit, Windsor, area codes, etc. Much better heard 15 miles north. Thanks to Glenn and Ken. :-) (Liz Cameron, 28 May 14, Belleville MI, MARE Tipsheet May 30 via DXLD)

Liz had the opportunity to recheck and although there was not an 'official' ID, it was clearly heard in her area with mentions of Windsor and Detroit, leading to a strong supposition that this was a the full power station from Windsor rather than a low power one from A2. Now if we could just get the Canuks to actually ID their stations from time to time... :) (Ken Zichi, ibid.) What`s ``A2``? (gh)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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ACKNOWLEDGED on WORLD OF RADIO 1723:
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Thanks to Tim Hendel, AL, for a check in the mail to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702.

TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED FUTURELY:

I know that you keep quite busy helping us radio people find their way, and we appreciate it. A small token, hope it helps (Jerry KC5YRE Ervine, Mission TX, with an MO to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702)

David Cole, Goodwell OK, for a generous hand-delivered check

PUBLICATIONS
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FCC FM & TV DATABASE ONTO SPREADSHEETS

Mike Glass and I worked together to reproduce the excellent Excel spreadsheets originally posted by Girard on dxfm.com. They are still on my Dropbox. I've re-posted Mike's email below.
(Bill Nollman, WTFDA via DXLD)

Hi All, Just wanted to let everyone know that I have recently downloaded all the FM and TV data from the FCC database and put it into spreadsheets. These are somewhat like the spreadsheets Girard makes so they will look familiar. The FM spreadsheet was prepared by Bill Nollman (thanks, Bill) and is available at the links shown below.

Excel 2003 version - 26MB -
https://www.dropbox.com/s/kwcrv8j0sz6w0uz/Master%20FCC-DXFM%20List%20FM%202-7-14.xls?n=61856915

Excel 2010 version - 13MB -
https://www.dropbox.com/s/v8z3tfkqj91jfru/Master%20FCC-DXFM%20List%20FM%202-7-14.xlsx?n=61856915

Be sure to enter in your own coordinates on the far right of the first page so you get distance and azimuth from your shack, not Bill's!

The TV data is on my computer and I will email it out upon request.

If you want something smaller and made just for your needs, please let me know and I will gladly prepare it for you free of charge. I will sort for distance and remove out of range stations to make your list more manageable. I can also make a PDF file if you can't handle Excel. Looking forward to the 2014 DX season! (Mike Glass, ibid.)

CABLE TELEVISION DIRECTORY?

Does anyone know if the FCC has a downloadable directory of cable television operators? I know there are over 5,000 companies defined as cable tv operators and systems in the US. Thanks for any replies or links to this information (Jim Thomas, Springfield, Missouri, WTFDA via DXLD)

Iím not aware of a FCC database. These people picked up the old Broadcasting and Cable Yearbook and have an on-line service. It isnít cheap.
http://www.greyhouse.com/tvradio.htm

I have some old ones, but given the consolidation in the industry I doubt they would be very accurate (Mike Hunter, Neshanic Station, NJ, ibid.)

Jim: As Mike Hunter noted, the FCC doesn't have a downloadable director of CATV operators. And, as Mike also noted, Grey House Publishing's "Radio & Cable Industry Directory" 2014 Edition definitely isn't cheap at $350. Several copies of the old Broadcasting and Cable Yearbook 2010 edition are available from Amazon for about $15.
http://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/1600301223/ref=dp_olp_used?ie=UTF8&condition=used
(Neal McLain, May 29, ibid.)

Anything from 2010 is totally obsolete (Rick Shaftan, 2014, ibid.)

I don't see a way to download it (although I haven't tried very hard) but there is a searchable database.
https://apps.fcc.gov/coals/forms/search/cableSearchNf.cfm
== (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, ibid.)

This is a poor choice, but maybe one of the only ones FCC has available. Go to this page:
http://www.fcc.gov/mb/vax/registeredcuid.zip

This downloads a master Excel spreadsheet of the whole country. You then have to sort on the LEGAL NAME field BUT you also have to get uniqueness to get rid of redundant entries. That will give you the name of every cable provider in the country (Mike Hawkins, ibid.)

Trip Ericson <webmaster@rabbitears.info> May 30 07:42AM -0400

I was just going to recommend COALS, but I'm not sure how useful COALS actually is since it has legal names and lots of redundancy.
http://transition.fcc.gov/oet/info/database/fadb.html#COALS
That's a link to the COALS download, as far as I know.
(Trip Ericson, May 30, http://www.rabbitears.info ibid.)

And it's not always accurate. I live just outside Brazoria, Texas. Brazoria is an incorporated city but COALS lists it as non-incorporated.

COALS is compiled based on information provided by cable operators. Back when I worked for Comcast, I was involved in FCC compliance issues. I encountered system managers and chief techs who didn't know the legal definitions of the areas they served. Sometimes I even encountered systems that had extended service into areas for which they didn't have a franchise (Neal McLain, ibid.)

LANGUAGE LESSONS
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QRM or QRN, SINPO rules

Last time, Harold reminded us that: Mother Nature generates QRN; humans generate QRM. There have been those who angst over this and complain it is not clear. I'm not sure how it is unclear! Did that thunderstorm or windstorm create lots of static? QRN. Are the spark plugs of the car going by creating noise? QRM. Is one station splattering over the one you're trying to hear? QRM. Etc. Did the dog bark during the ID and cause you to miss it? Well, there isn't a code for that one..... :)

And 25454 is a perfectly valid SINPO -- because one number is 2 doesn't mean ALL numbers need to be 2. Remember: you are just describing the signal using numbers -- listen to the audio, look at the S meter and describe what you are hearing and seeing. Really weak signal but no noise or QRM and it is completely understandable without effort? 25554+. Strong signal, no noise or interference but with such lousy modulation you can't understand more than one or two words in each sentence? 45551. Barely audible signal, lots of QRM and QRN and heavy fading but you can understand everything perfectly? Not possible -- it would be a 12224. Notice the 'pattern' "O" can be larger than S but it CAN'T be larger that the I, N and P because those things are defined in terms of how they impair the intelligibility of the signal.

In like your local MW station extremely strong, with no interference or fading? 55555 -- a very rare rating on SW. VERY rare. Listen again ñ are you SURE there was no fading? Maybe 5554+4+ would be a better description? You get the idea. And don't be intimidated by this string of numbers -- you are just describing what you hear! Easy peasy [sic] (Ken Zichi, MARE Tipsheet 23 May via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See BRAZIL; BULGARIA; INDIA; INDONESIA
++++++++++++++++++++++++++ NIGERIA; PAKISTAN; TAIWAN

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See U S A: gh TVDX logs
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC
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WE PONDER AN ALL-DIGITAL AM FUTURE
http://radiomagonline.com/rf-engineering/all-digital-am-future-0505/
(Dennis Gibson, WB6TNB, May 22, Sent from my iPad, ABDX via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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PL-880 discussion

This post has a good discussion about the PL-880, and possible circuitry to achieve its goals. This re-formatting is much superior to the rendering by Google Translate, and allows for easier reading.
A translation and reformatting of the post appearing at this website:
http://bbs.tecsun.com.cn/0002.asp?open=553863
(WB5WPA, PL880 yg via dXLD)

RADIO STATION AND/OR SONG & ARTIST SEARCH ENGINE.

Haven't been able to determine if this one will help you find a song that was recently played.
http://radiosearchengine.com/

Overview of above website/search engine
http://searchengineland.com/radio-search-engine-launch-175540
(Jim Thomas, Springfield, Missouri, WTFDA via DXLD)

Can you add a feature that will search recent song & artist played? Like in last 12 hours or 24 hours? Sometimes you can't always get to hear who a song was by (artist) or even the title, but you heard the song on your favorite radio station. It would be great if you could add that feature to your website (Jim Thomas, Springfield, Missouri, May 24, via WTFDA via DXLD)

[Later:] FYI, Just got this reply from Radio Search Engine and how to track recent songs from a particular station. Things are looking up with this online tool (Jim Thomas, Springfield, Missouri, ibid.) Viz.:

----- Original Message -----
From: Michael Robertson
To: Jim Thomas
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2014 5:57 PM

Subject: Re: Radio Search Engine help

Search for a station. Then click the name to play it. In the player you can click the station name and it will show the last couple hours of songs they have played. ñ mr, radiosearchengine.com 858-344-6911 (via Jim Thomas, ibid.)

RFI FROM LIGHT SOURCES (LED & FLUORESCENT ELECTRONIC BALLASTS)

If anyone has noticed radio frequency interference on any band that you listen to, send me the information about the source of the RFI. I am compiling a list of the various sources that are contributing to the added noise on the various bands. I have sent along some information to the NAB and the FCC. Apparently the NAB (National Association of Broadcasters) is well aware of the various sources of interference. Any of your reports will help them to provide more evidence to the FCC that their current regulations to help reduce RFI from the various light sources need to be adjusted and better enforced.

The current FCC regulations for fluorescent light electronic ballasts allow the FCC Class A commercial ballasts to be installed in any commercial building which includes office buildings, schools, factories, etc. Unfortunately these Class A commercial grade ballasts cause interference to AM & FM radios, TVs and sometimes to cell phones and portable phones.

I have talked to a number of people who work in factories, schools and office buildings where these new fluorescent lights with the FCC Class A commercial grade ballasts. Once the new lights have been installed, they can no longer receive radio signals inside of these buildings.

FCC Class B residential grade ballasts are supposed to be used in homes to help eliminate radio interference to radios, TVs, cell phones and cordless phones, essentially any wireless device. Unfortunately the two major electrical supply companies in my area do NOT STOCK any of the Class B fluorescent lights or replacement ballasts.

Not only do they not stock them, but they are SUPPOSED TO ASK THE CUSTOMER IF THEY ARE USING THESE ITEMS IN THEIR HOMES. They don't ask the customers this either. According to the FCC regulations, the electrical suppliers are supposed to be asking ALL of their customers if they are using them in a home or location where wireless devices are being used. The result is that they are selling FCC Class A commercial grade ballasts which are being installed in homes causing interference to many different wireless devices including radios, TVs, and cell phones.

Employees of both of these electrical supply companies told me that THEY CAN NOT GET CELL PHONE SIGNALS INSIDE OF THEIR BUILDINGS and they have to go outside to get cell phone signals. I have told them that their commercial grade (FCC Class A) lighting is causing the interference to their cell phones. If they turn their lights off, they will get cell phone signals inside of their buildings.

The lights placed on the outside of businesses also radiate RFI. I have found that the lighting around the pumps of a number of gas stations seem to radiate a lot of RFI. A local parking garage had new fluorescent lights installed. Since they were installed, you can no longer receive radio signals inside the garage and the RFI radiates out into the streets around the parking garage.

A local bank has lights outside of their building which are radiating RFI. The newer LED message boards that businesses are using also radiate RFI. I have noticed a number of these message boards in my area.

New traffic lights use LEDs. The red light LEDs radiate more RFI that affects radio signals than the green light LEDs.

The more examples of these that you have in your area, the better we can show that these lights are posing a major problem to broadcast radio signals.

If you send me any information about this type of RFI, let me know the town and name of the business where the interference is occurring. If you know what type of light (fluorescent, LED, etc.) that they are using, include that also. Otherwise just let me know that the RFI is being produced by the lights. I can forward these reports to the NAB and the FCC.

Thanks for your help! Perhaps we can help make a difference (Bob Seaman, Hazleton, PA seamanrobert7 @ gmail.com May 25, WTFDA via DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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NEW METEOR SHOWER TONIGHT [May 24]: HOW TO HEAR IT

http://www.space.com/25949-new-meteor-shower-camelopardids-listen-live.html
(via Chuck Albertson, DXLD)

The ``below 91.1 MHz`` advice is nonsense; he must mean below 92.1, which is the upper edge of the non-commercial band. There are plenty of high-power stations on non-comm band too. It all depends on local circumstances. You may well have a good clear frequency above 92 with

plenty of high-power commercial stations to DX from a distance, and which are more likely to burst something identifiable like a local ad reference if not a real ID, than public radio stations with long-form programs or even --- gasp! --- classical music.

The author is unaware of a really up-to-date database of FM stations in North America, far better than the outdated FM Atlas or M Street Directory. You can search on anything you may hear to help identify the station, such as slogan, format, or display all stations on the frequency in a certain state, etc.

http://db.wtfda.org

Some posts on ABDX suggest a peak at ``2-4 am`` Saturday --- does that mean local mean time, or default EDT? Looks like there will be nothing to see around here, with sky cover of 87% and good probability of rain tonight and all weekend.

A hi-gain FM antenna helps of course, but one can certainly hear MS on a senstive caradio or even a portable; I already heard some pings while monitoring 94.1 this afternoon.

Meteor scatter also affects the VHF TV channels, but hardly worth trying in the DTV era. Sesquidecades ago, we got lots of MS TV DX, when stations would run test patterns with IDs in the early morning, like channel 2s, WBAY in Green Bay, WBBM Chicago, and many others IDed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That would be EDT (Kevin Redding, Crump, TN, [CDT], ABDX via DXLD)

GASP!!! I hate to tell you this, but moderator Powell and I both like to sleep to classical music. We try to set our radios to go off at 5:00 A. M. before all that yak, yak, yakking starts on "All Things Considered". Nobody gives a (4-letter expletive deleted) what's going on in the world at 5:00 A. M.! That's sleeping time! (Bob Smoak, Bamberg, SC, ABDX via DXLD)

Me love classical too even sleeping, but it`s not suitable for IDing quick MS bursts (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

I'm taping now on 93.9 and 99.3. MS does tend somewhat to do better the lower the channel, like Es, but the lower band can be just as crowded so that was not the sharpest advice in the article. I've done well on MS right close to the top of the FM band. I'd say just pick as empty a channel as possible and sit on it. If it starts going really good you can work the other channels to varying degrees of success. I've had good MS bursts override moderate-powered semilocals (Saul Chernos, Ont., ibid.)

The earth will pass through a Camelopardalid meteor shower this weekend for the first time. Little is known about this type of meteor shower and It will be interesting to see if there are any unusual propagation opportunities.

Space Weather News for May 23, 2014
http://spaceweather.com

METEOR ALERT: This weekend, Earth will pass through a stream of debris from Comet 209P/LINEAR. If forecasters are correct, the encounter could produce an outburst of bright meteors numbering more than 200 per hour. Most models agree that peak rates should occur between the hours of 0600 UT and 0800 UT (2 a.m. and 4 a.m. EDT) on Saturday morning, May 24th, a time frame that favors observers in North America. It is worth noting, however, that Earth has never encountered this stream of debris before, so forecasters cannot be certain of their predictions. The display could be a complete dud, a fantastic "meteor storm," or anything in between. Visit http://spaceweather.com for full coverage. Regards (James welsh (Merseyside UK), BDXC UK yg via DXLD)

For those unfamiliar with astrozoˆlogy, a Camel-Leopard = Giraffe
(Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FROM PIG
P.I.G. Bulletin 140525
Solar & Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period May 26 - June 18

Solar activity will continue to fluctuate at solar flux 100 - 140 s.f.u. during next few weeks. Initially sparse, then more frequent occurrence of C class flares is expected. Eexceptionally are possible M class flare(s), while X class flare is possible only exceptionally.

Geomagnetic field will be:
quiet on May 28 - 29, June 2, 8 - 9, 12, 14 - 16
mostly quiet on May 27, June 1, 10, 13
quiet to unsettled on May 26, June 7, 11
quiet to active on May 30 - 31, June 3, 5, 17 - 18
active to disturbed on June 4, 6

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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 19 - 25 May 2014

Solar activity reached the moderate (R1-minor radio blackout) level this week when Region 2065 (S19, L=150, class/area=Dai/180 on 25 May) produced an M1 flare at 24/1835 UTC. Although this region had been on the visible disk since 15 May, it had not produced a single flare until 23 May when it was responsible for a C1/Sf event at 23/0458 UTC. By May 24th, it was six times larger and had developed a beta-gamma type magnetic configuration. Following the M-class event, Region 2065 continued to grow to become the largest region of the week. It developed an even more complex beta-gamma-delta magnetic configuration but produced only five C-class events on the 25th.

The only radio event of the week was a Tenflare of 229 sfu observed at 24/1830 UTC associated with the M1 flare from Region 2065. The remaining regions on the disk were generally quiet, producing only occasional C-class activity. None of the coronal mass ejections observed during the period were judged to be particularly geoeffective.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at normal for most of the week and reached moderate levels on 25 May.

Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet levels for the first three days of the period. At the end of the day on 22 May, a solar sector boundary crossing from positive to negative occurred. The solar wind magnetic field became increasingly agitated, Bz became increasingly negative, and the geomagnetic field responded with unsettled levels of activity.

Wind speed and temperature at the ACE spacecraft began to rise around midday on the 22nd, and a density jump was also observed. By 23/0000 UTC, Bz had reached its lowest level of -11 nT. Around 0400 UTC, the wind speed rose steadily from the mid-300 to mid-500 km/s range, temperature rose further and Bz had already turned northward. More fluctuations in the magnetic field followed, including a six hour period of Bz near -8 nT between 23/1400-2100 UTC. The geomagnetic field responded to the prolonged negative Bz with active levels between 23/1500-2100 UTC and ended the day with a single

period of minor storm [G1-minor storm] conditions. [Note: The Alert for Kp=5 was initially sent with an incorrect time (23/2341 UTC). The actual Kp=5 condition was first observed at 23/2241 UTC and reflected in a subsequent alert correction.] These observations suggest the presence of a transient feature, possibly a glancing blow from an 18 May coronal mass ejection, intermingled with a coronal hole high speed solar wind stream.

Solar wind speed declined over the 24th and 25th ending the week in the upper 300 km/s range. The total magnetic field decreased to around 3 nT by 24 May while Bz was mostly neutral. The geomagnetic field was quiet on 24-25 May.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 26 MAY - 21 JUNE 2014

Solar activity is expected to be at low levels with a chance for moderate activity through the period.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at moderate levels for the first day of the forecast period, and again from 08-12 June in response to a coronal hole high speed solar wind stream.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels for most of the period. Unsettled to active levels are possible on 04-08 June in response to a recurrent coronal hole high speed solar wind stream.

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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2014 May 26	112	5	2
2014 May 27	112	5	2
2014 May 28	110	5	2
2014 May 29	110	5	2
2014 May 30	108	5	2
2014 May 31	108	5	2

2014 Jun 01	108	5	2
2014 Jun 02	110	5	2
2014 Jun 03	110	5	2
2014 Jun 04	115	8	3
2014 Jun 05	115	8	3
2014 Jun 06	120	8	3
2014 Jun 07	120	10	4
2014 Jun 08	120	8	3
2014 Jun 09	125	5	2
2014 Jun 10	125	5	2
2014 Jun 11	125	5	2
2014 Jun 12	120	5	2
2014 Jun 13	120	5	2
2014 Jun 14	115	5	2
2014 Jun 15	110	5	2
2014 Jun 16	110	5	2
2014 Jun 17	110	5	2
2014 Jun 18	110	5	2
2014 Jun 19	110	5	2
2014 Jun 20	110	5	2
2014 Jun 21	110	5	2

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1723, DXLD) ####